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THE NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

ORGANIZED MAY 14, 1904.

tion is one of the most recent organiza. time to time by the Executive Comtions of the State. It has no long past achievements, but it does have a definite place in the broader educational life with its hi hest welfare.

. Its forms organization was perfected meeting. ing with the ideal of the institution which they served to aid all movements looking to the higher educational development of the State; welcomed those responding to the call and took an ac tive part in the work of organization. A ember 8 and 9, 1905, the second annual thorough discussion of the status of library affairs followed; a definite policy Association was postponed until the of action we devised and embodied in a Spring of 1906. working co titution; and officers to carry out ti policies were elected. It is eigh in April, 1906. An interesting proa significan fact that to one of these gram was carried out in which the foloffices Dr. Nelver, pioneer and leader in lowing subjects were especially emphathe work of public education and higher sized: (1). Library organization; (2). education for women, should have been Rural, school, and college libraries; (3). elected. His sympathies were enlisted The need of a library commission and in this new work, into which he entered new State Library building. At this

A definite organization with thirty two charters members was perfected. Mrs. Annie Smith Ross was elected Pres-Louis R. Wilson, Secretary-

President, 1904, Mrs. Annie Smith Ross Carnedie Library, Charlotte, N. Vice-President, 1904-1907, Dr. Charles D. Melver. State Normal and Industrial Collège, Greensboro, N. C. Prof. J. A Bivins. Trinity High School, Durham, N. C.; 1906-1907, Dr. Henry Louis Smith, Davidson College, N. C.; 1907, Miss Annie F. Petty State Normal and Industrial College Greensboro, N. C.; Mrs.

Sol. Weil, Gadsboro, N. C. Secretary Freasurer, 1904-1907, Dr. Louis P. Wilson University of North Carolina Library, Chapel Hill, N. C. Secretary, 1907; Dr. Louis R. Wilson. of North Carolina Library, Chapel Hill, X. C.

Treasurer, 1907, Mr. J. Frank Wilkes.

Executive Committee, 1904. Mrs. Annie Smith Ross, Carnegie Library, Charlotte, N. C.; Dr. Louis R. Wilson, University of North Carolina Library. Chapel Hill N. C.; Miss Annie F. Petty, State Normal and Industrial College Library Greensboro, N. C.: 1904-1906, Robert Dick Douglat Greensboro, N. C.: 1904 1907, Mr. J. Breed Love, Trinity College Library Durham, N. C.; 1906-1907. Prof. J. A. I wins, Trinity High School. Durham, N. C.; 1907, Mr. Edward P. Wharton, Greensboro, N. C.: Mr.: Frank Wilkes, Charlotte, N. C.

Membership Committee: / Mrs. Weil, chairman, Goldsboro, N. C.; Miss Ida J. Dacus, Rock Hill, S. C.; Miss Grace McHe Jones, Asheville, N. C.; Miss Bettie D. Caldwell, Greensboro, N. C.; Miss Jennie H. Coffin, Maleigh, N. C. Constitution.

I Name: This organization shall be called the North Carolina Library Asso-

II Object: Its object shall be to promote acquair unce and fraternal relations among brarians and those interested in library work, and by consultation and co-of ration to increase the usefulness and Avance the interests of libraries and library work in North Caro-

III. Members: Any person interested in library work may become a member by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, and all proposals for membership shall be referred to this commit-

IV. Officer and Executive Commit tce: The officers of the Association shall be a Presidenc, two Vice-Presidents, and of Public Instruction to the interests of a Secretary-Treasurer.

The President shall serve for one year and shall preside at all meetings. The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents, step forward her people are to take toand Secretary-Treasurer shall be those usually appertaining to those offices. The President and Secretary-Treasurer, together with three members chosen by them from the association at large, shall constitute an Executive Committee, and shall serve until their successors are chosen. The President of the Associa tion shall be Chairman of this commit tee. Three members of this committee shall constitue a quorum. It shall have lower to contra and mature plans for the general to a of the association; to appoint, in cold of a vacancy in any office, caused & Aresignation or otherwise a member fi m the Association to fil the unexpired term; to spend money for the expenses of the Association, the bills to be endorsed by the President for payment by the Secretary-Treasurer. Business of the Association may also be transacted by this committee through correspondence, provided that the proposed action be submitted in writing by the President to the members of the Committee, and shall be approved by three of the five members of the same.

elected by ballot at the annual meeting, brary. VI. Meetings of the Executive Commit e shall be held upon call of the Presid at. Annual meetings of Wilson, University of North Carolina.

The North Carolina Library Associa- place as may be determined upon from

record of activities, no extensive list of of one dollar, payable to the Secretary

Treasurer within the fiscal year. VIII. Amendments: This Constitution of the State and is intimately connected may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual

in the Library of the State Normal and In November, 1904, the first annual Industrial College, at Greensboro, in meeting was held in Charlotte. Papers May: 1904. Mrs. Annie Smith Ross, of were presented by Miss Anne Wallace, of the Carnegie Library of Charlotte, as the Carnegie Library of Atlanta, Mr. A. sisted by Dr. Louis R. Wilson, of the H. Hopkins, of the Carnegie Library of Library of the University of North Car-louisville, Dr. Eben Alexander, of the olina, issued a call to all interested in University of North Carolina; Dr. J. C. the development of the State's libraries Kilgo, of Trinity College; Dr. Louis R. to meet at Greensboro for the purpose Wilson, of the University Library; Prof. of organization. Dr. Charles D. McIver J .A. Bivins, of Trinity Park School, and Miss Anrie F. Petty, of the State and Mrs. Hugh A. Murrill, of the Wo-Normal and Industrial College, in keep-man's Club of Charlotte. Many topics pertaining to library interests were dis cussed and the work of the association started off propitiously.

Owing to the Inter-State meeting of Southern Libraries held in Atlanta, Decmeeting of the North Carolina Library The second meeting was held in Ral-

meeting it was decided that an invitation should be extended to the American Library Association to hold its annual meeting for 1907 in Asheville, Mrs. Ross and Dr. Wilson, of the Association, and Trade of Asheville, were appointed delete the national association at Narragan-

ett Pier, R. L. in June following Immediately after the meeting. brough the activity of the delegates. elect, the co-operation of Asheville, the educational bodies, and educators throughout the entire South was secured, and as a result so unanimous and the delegates, that the executive committee could not do otherwise than ac-

The object of the Association in bringing the national meeting to Asheville vas two-fold: to give encouragement e those actively engaged in library work n the South; to emphasize the possiilities for good which are to be deriv ed from the library as an educational nstitution. In both respects the hope of the association was fully realized. The arge delegation from the South returned to its work stimulated to greater enleavor, and the work of the library had been forcibly presented to the general public. In this meeting the State Assoiation took an active part, devoting its entire interests, save those of a purely isiness nature, to the success of the eeting of the national organization. Such has been the public work of the ssociation now numbering one hundred members. It has emphasized the value of the library as a general educational institution, as the university, so to speak, of all the people. It has brought together those engaged in library work for the careful consideration of problems erising in daily library practice. It has given stimulus and aid to communities stablishing new libraries, and in so doing. has taken the part which the State should take through the means of a definitely organized library commission. Through special committees it has given its hearty support to the rural school library movement of the State, suggesting improvements which could be introduced into the present system; it has memorialized the Legislature to erect a new State Library building to protect the valuable collection of material the State possesses relating to its history and literature; it has advocated the appointment of a State Library Commis ion, or Commissioner, whose relation to be similar to that of the Superintendent readers.

Program.

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FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY AS-SOCIATION, GREENSBORO, N. C., NOV. 12 AND 13, 1908.

GREENSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY. (Carnegie Building.) NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Fourth Annual Meeting. Greensboro, N. C. November 12th and 13th, 1908, Greensboro Public Library, (Carnegie Building.) Thursday, November 12, 1908. First Session, 3:00 P. M.

Address of Welcome-Mr. George A Y. Elections! The officers shall be Grimsley, Board of Trustees Public Li-Minutes of Asheville Meeting. Report of Secretary-Dr. Louis

Announcement of Committees for the Meeting. "The Library and the School"-Informal Discussion led by Miss Annie F. at Aberdeen in 1907. Petty, State Normal and Industrial Col-

Visit State Normal and Greensboro Female College Libraries. Second Session, 8:00 P. M. Address of Welcome-Mrs. Lucy H.

Robertson, President of Greensboro Fe-Response and President's Address-Mrs. Annie Smith Ross, Charlotte, N. C.

Weeks, North Carolina. 9:30 P. M. Informal Reception. Friday, November 13, 1908 Third Session, 9:30 A. M. Round Table Meeting

Library Administration Use of Debate and Reference Helps Preparation of Bulletins Classification and Cataloging

Pamphlets Book Mending and Binding Library of Congress Cards and Helps Story Hours. What the State Library Commission

can do for small Libraries 1:00 P. M. Ride to Guilford Battle Ground. Fourth Session, 2:30 P. M. New Business. Unfinished Business Reports of Committees. Election of Officers.

Adjournment.

Library Progress in North Carolina Since 1899.

MRS. ANNIE SMITH ROSS.

North Carolina was one of the first years. states to make constitutional provision ocratic government was education.

in a few of the largest cities. The Ashe- pired term.

Wilkes, Trustee Charlotte Carnegie Li- eigh, the Greensboro Public Library in 1902, Carnegie Library of Charlotte in 1903, Winston-Salem, Gastonia, Wilington, Goldsboro, Hickory, Wadesboro, in 1906, and the Page Memorial Library

> Charlotte has the only public library or negroes, supported by the city. The building cost \$2,300 and receives an anannual apportion of \$400. It was opened in July, 1906, has 600 volumes, and being suggested by Mr. Josephus Dan-300 regular readers. The negro citizens

have raised money for books. At their recent session, the legislature tatesville for Carnegie gifts, authorized a vote in Charlotte for a tax of three "Some North Carolina Incunabula and cents for support of the Carnegie Li-Association Books" - Dr. Stephen B. brary, and the Board of Education of with some minor amendments, it became Mecklenburg county to appropriate \$750 a law on March 13th with caption: to the Carnegie Library of Charlotte an-

The North Carolina Library Association was organized in 1904, and has held three annual meeting and has a membership of 76.

Scales Library Act.

AN ACT TO PERMIT' THE ESTAB-LISHMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

commissioners of any city or incorporated town in the state of North Carolina. having more than one thousand inhabitants, to provide for the establishment priate, from the general county school of a public library in said city or town. board of aldermen or board of commis- person in the school district the manager sioners may elect a board of managers, of such library. The county board shall consisting of six members, who shall also appoint one competent person well cation under the provisions of this sub- great struggle for separate independence serve without pay, shall be residents of versed in books to select books for such chapter: such city or town, and whose term of libraries as may be established under at the first election uncer this act, two proved by the state superintendent of members shall be elected for two years, public instruction. two for four years, and two for six | 4173. State Board of Education to years, and at all subsequent elections contribute. under this act, held every two years, As soon as such board shall have made two members shall be elected for six an appropriation for a library in the

and that the surest safeguard to dem- sioners shall have power to remove any member of the board of managers for in-Except the State library and libraries capacity or other unfitness, and all va- chased.

Rural Libraries

The Rural Library Act.

The executive committee of the State its January meeting in 1901 endorsed braries. a bill which, with some changes by local members (the use of the word "rural" iels) with the assistance of Senator H S. Ward, passed the Senate without objection. In the House of Representacanted charters to High Point and tives it was warmly championed by Mr. Thomas W. Blount, Mr. R. G. Russell, Mr. Charles Ross, Mr. W. S. Wilson and others, and, after a spirited debate

An Act to Encourage the Establishment

1901, Chapter 662.

This law was amended Laws, Chapter 226, and in 1905 Public lic school which shall fulfill the conditions of nature to pay attention to the lic school which shall fulfill the conditions of nature to pay attention to the life intellectual; they were breaking the Revisal of 1905 of North Carolina. Chapter 89, XVI. School Libraries. 4172. How established; duties of

school officials; manager appointed. ment of a library to be connected with provisions of this sub-chapter. such school the sum of ten dollars, the ccunty board of education shall appro fund the sum of ten dollars for this pur Sec. 2. That for such purpose the said pose and shall appoint one intelligent office shall be six years: Provided, that, these provisions from lists of books ap-

manner prescribed, the county superin- of libraries according to the provisions a fulness, a sense of ease and security The members so elected shall enter tendent shall inform the secretary of of section four thousand one hundred which it has never been the good for-Mr. W. F. Randolph, of the Board of for both the common and the higher ed- upon their duties immediately, and shall the state board of education of the fact, and seventy-seven.

gates to present the invitation in person 1776 recognized that liberty and enlight- are elected and qualified. The said the treasurer of the county school fund enment were complements of each other, board of aldermen or board of commis- the sum of ten dollars for the purchase

A number of subscription libraries were commissioners aforesaid for the unex- county school fund, the person appointed established. There is now a biennial portant towns, some supported by pubville Library Association, founded in Sec. 3. The board of managers so of books to be purchased and prices of the establishment of rural alibraries and some by both, they are now entering pressing an invitation was presented by 1879, occapies a handsome building given elected and its successors shall be a corby Mr. George Pack and valued at \$40,- poration, with powers to receive and the books at once. The treasurer shall tablished. Under the rural library law, their own. 000; it has an annual income of \$3,000, hold gifts, grants, and devises of real receive no compensation except his regu-

education shall remit to the treasurer of the county school fund the sum of five dollars. The money thus collected and appropriated shall be used for the enlargement of libraries already established under the same rules and restrictions Literary and Historical Association at as govern the establishment of new li-

4178. Number of libraries limited; cities and towns excluded, when,

Not more than six new libraries, it ddition to those already established, shall be established biennially in any ounty under the provisions of this sub-

that after November thirtieth, one of Libraries in the Public Schools of thereafter, if any of the aforesaid bien- only by expenditure of the blood and the Rural Districts-Public Laws of nial appropriation for the years ending on such date shall still be in the hands colonial period our ancestors were too in 1903 Public of the state treasurer, any of free pub- busy in their struggle with the condiof this sub-chapter, regardless of the the soul nor cultivating the aesthetic number of libraries already established faculties. Then came the long struggle in the county in which such school is for independence which while it advanclocated, until the aforesaid balance of ed them in constitutional liberty heavily any free public school in which a library each biennial appropriation available for retarded them in wealth and prosperity. The General Assembly of North Carolina has not already been established by aid the purpose is exhausted. No school dis- After another struggle covering two genof the State shall raise by private sub- trict in any incorporated town with a erations they had by 1860 attained a Section 1. That it shall be lawful for scription and tender to the treasurer of population exceeding one thousand per- wide basis for economic advance. They the hoard of aldermen or the board of the county school fund for the establish- sons shall receive any moneys under the had then reached that point in their de 4179. Additional appropriation

state funds. dred dollars of the appropriation for the intellectual development, but war with public schools of the state is hereby bi- its blight of waste and ignorance was ennially appropriated and set apart to again upon them and intellectual debe expended by the state board of edu- velopment was stopped short in the

Provided, that of each biennial appropriation a sum not exceeding five thous- further seared and wounded by even and dollars may be expended by the the greater blight of reconstruction state board of education in the estab-

REACH OF EVERY CHILD. made by the General Assembly for the necessary, not less important, than the 4174. Books and book-cases, how pur- establishment of rural libraries. In 1903 public school the people have been slowschools and colleges, but few public cancies, however caused, shall be filled Within thirty days after the payment 500, \$2,500 of which was for supplement- its development from their more abund-Southern Railway, library associations, libraries were established before 1899, by the board of aldermen or board of the money to the treasurer of the ing and maintaining the libraries already ant means. Located in all the more imto select the books shall submit the list appropriation, therefore, of \$7,500 for lic munificence, some by private g the county appropriates for the libraries ten dollars, patrons of the school are re-Education is required to provide a neat are already recognized as the chief cenbook case with lock and key for each ters of intellectual culture of their res-

> The books must be selected from a list which comes their support? approved by the Superintendent of Pubchildren of various ages and some of North Carolina. them adapted to adults. Under the act. 1. By inducing as many citizens as

proximately 113,208 volumes. In addition to these, 107 libraries have personal invitations. been established by private subscription 2. By making as many persons as postion in North Carolina has proved more | 3. By seeking to make the library expopular and more beneficial than the es- clusive headquarters for all sorts of lit tablishment of these rural libraries. Even erary, historical, patriotic and scientific under the present act, it ought to be societies. Should there be a medical so possible within a few years to have at ciety or a lawyer's association in least a thirty dollar rural library, en- or the least sign of an historical larged and supplemented every two years zation, get them to deposit the by a fifteen-dollar supplementary li- tions in the library. Induce Carolina. These thousands of books, whatever promises to be of his masterpieces of thought and feeling and terest either in manuscript or pri style, are daily going into hundreds of form. Get the old citizens to write the homes, many of them bookless homes, reminiscences of their localities, to conbearing to young and old their message tribute old newspapers, old pamphlets of hope, love, beauty, wisdom, know- historical relics of all sorts that may be oftener than once in six months and no ledge, morality, reverence, religion, and of service to future generations in interpart of the expense of exchanging li- joy; cultivating a taste for good litera; preting the past. Give the glad hand to leaving in their wake a touch at least of membering that even out of the genalogthat higher culture which comes only ist the historian is sometimes born. In from communion through books with the small towns, in fact wherever there are Whenever the patrons and friends of greatest minds and souls of the ages .- not exclusive clubs, the library might be

least 2.000 rural libraries, con- day and spend a social evening in the air Trinity College, at Durham, has a \$60, said board of managers each year out cation shall appropriate from the money taining at least 200,000 volumes of the university but broadened by act 000 building. The University of North of its general fund any amount not ex- belonging to that school district the sum of the best selected literature, read al contact with the world. Carolina, at Chapel Hill, has a \$55,000 ceeding two percentum of the total of five dollars and the state board of by thousands of school children, and go- 4. Above all things the library ing into hundreds of bookless homes. should be for the town an encyclopae The libraries have proved very popular: a vade mecum, a thesaurus of the demand for them is in excess of the ledge. To her should the whole creat available appropriation. I am sending tend when all other sources of help you also a pamphlet containing the ap- failed.

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The Opportunity of The Small Library in North Carolina

By STEPHEN B. WEEKS, Ph. D. The conditions of life in the Old North State are rapidly changing. Things that have been are passing away. A new era is upon us. The things which have in hapter, and not more than six libraries the past been uppermost in the life of lready established in any county shall our people are now coming to take a less be entitled biennially to the benefits of important position and things of the the next preceding section: Provided, spirit are coming to the front. The building of this commonwealth, like that thousand nine hundred and six, and after of the nighboring states, has not been a November thirtieth of every second year holiday affair and it has been attained brawn of the fathers. All through the velopment where wealth brought with shes best. With wealth and leisure they The sum of seven thousand five hun- were prepared to enter upon a period of and later whatever influences for culture had survived four years of war were

But all these things have passed. In lishment of new libraries, and a sum not the last few years there has been an unxceeding two thousand five hundred heard of, an unparalleled, economic dedollars may be expended by the state velopment which has brought to the board of education in the enlargement homes of North Carolina a competence, tune of the state to enjoy before. With ucation of her citizens. The heroes of continue in office until their successors whereupon the state board shall remit to PUTTING GOOD BOOKS WITHIN this economic independence and commercial growth has come among other good In 1901 an appropriation of \$5000 was things the Public Library. Not less this appropriation was increased to \$7,- er to recognize its worth and to foster

> Will they rise equal to their oppor tunities? They have at once leaped to quired to raise ten dollars by privato the front as the sources of literary and subscription, and the State, upon noti- aesthetic culture for the town. It is in fication that the sum of twenty dollars their halls that the women's literary has been thus raised, appropriates ten clubs find a meeting place. It is there dollars, making a total of thirty dollars that historical, literary and patriotic sofor each library. The County Board of cieties have their headquarters. They library. Under a similar plan, fifteen pective towns. Will they rise to the ocdollars is available for supplementing casion and accept the responsibilties of the libraries thus established, five dol- leadership which are thus almost thrust lars from the district fund, five from the upon them or will they refuse? Will patrons by private subscription, and five they, by mere power of will, by strength of intellect, lead the throngs who are These libraries are available only to asking them for leadership, or will they, rural districts or villages of less than like the truckling and time serving polione thousand inhabitants. They are tician seek to follow the popular voice, managed by a librarian during the ses- prostituting their opportunities because sion of the school and during vacation in they are afraid that they will give ofaccordance with rules and regulations fence to ward heelers who unfortunately prepared by the State Superintendent, too often control the purse strings from

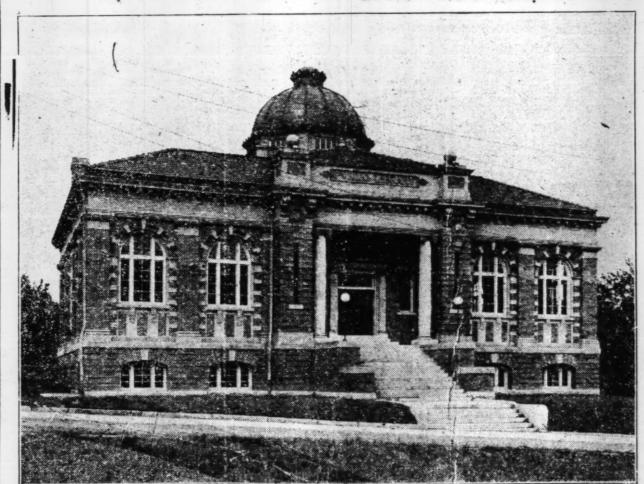
How can these libraries best serve lie Instruction printed and distributed in their public? The following suggestions pamphlet form from his office. This list are offered not to the exclusion of others contains about 300 of the best books, but because to the mind of the writer representative of all departments of they seem to embody the main functions good literature, some of them adapted to of the Public Library as we have it in

1259 rural libraries have been establish possible to visit their rooms. This can ed costing \$40.875 and containing ap- be done by judicious advertising, by neat little circulars sent to individuals, by

without any aid from the State appro- sible responsible for some phase of their priation. Durham county has, through work. Thus the sign "This room is unthe generosity of General Carr, a li- der the special care and protection of the brary in every school district. These li-braries are distributed among all the lated to develop in those on whom this counties of the State, the maximum responsibility is thrust a love of and a number biennially available to each reverence for books. These children fee county being limited. Perhaps no pro- that they are partners in the play and

lina-1901 to 1906.", by Hon. J. Y. Joy- have attained to years of maturity and ity of college days might like now and * * there are now at then to leave the cares that infest the

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GREENSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY, WHERE SESSIONS OF STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD.

activity has aimed at the awakening of 536 volumes, accessible to about 120,000 the foregoing blank. people. North Carolina goes on record Sec. 4. That the board of manager ed enducational life can only be taken

as furnishing 25 books to every 100 of shall, at their first meeting, elect a tion of the books as may be established brary, in every public schol in North torically inclined to bring to

louses have gone up every day.

contains 8000 volumes, and last year had and personal property, to sue and be la commission. The county board shall the library interests of the State should a circulation of 16,249 volumes, and 993 sued, and to do any and all lawful acts furnish, at the expense of the general gressive step yet taken in public educa- act accordingly. necessary to carry out the objects of its county school fund, a neat book case, In 1901, 1903 and 1905 the legislature creation. The name and style of said with lock and key, to each library upon the public schools. In a word, its every made possible the rural libraries, the corporation shall be the "Board of Manmost important step yet taken in public agers of the Public Library of; North Carolina to the fact that the next education. Today there are more than the name of the city or town wherein 1400 of these libraries, containing 137,- the library is situated to be inserted in

> her population, a number which, while president and secretary, and also a treasvery much less than that of some other urer of said board, which two last menstates of the Union, has the distinction tioned offices may be filled by the same of being twice as large as it was in 1900. person if the board of managers so de-For the last two years, two public school sire, and the said board of managers shall adopt such by-laws, rules and regu-One of the mightiest forces in our lations as may seem best for the govlibrary extension work is the Federation ernment of themselves and of the liof Women's Clubs. There is hardly a brary; and shall have entire control of braries shall be paid out of the public ture, forming the reading habit, and even the most persistent genalogist, reclub in the state which is not in some the library, and of the expenditures of funds way connected with some form of library all moneys belonging to the corporation, 4177. Enlargement of libraries, approwork. At their recent annual meeting and may purchase furnishings, fixtures priations for. they pledged their support to secure and all other articles of use and ornasuch legislation as will make possible a mentation as they may think best, and any free public school in which a library From "The Story of Five Years' Prog- used for occasional gatherings of college library commission. Last year from may designate hours when different has been established under the provisions ress in Public Education in North Caro- and university men, who now that they

Goldsboro 38 collections of travelling li- classes of persons may visit said library. of this sub-chapter shall raise by pribraries were sent out by the Woman's Sec. 5. That it shall be lawful for vate subscription and tender to the ner, Superintendent of Public Instructure have outlived the foolishness and crud-Club. The development of the college such board of aldermen or board of com- treasurer of the county school fund the tion. library, so far as the public is interest-di, has been in well equipped buildings. ance of said library and to pay same to library with \$55,000 endowment. The amount of taxes collected for said city State Normal, at Greensboro, a \$20,000 or town for such year: PROVIDED, that or's or police court of said city or building, and Davidson College the prom- such board of aldermen or board of com- town. At Durham, in 1897, was established to the said board of managers in lieu of from and after its ratification. shall be held at time and Report of Treasurer-Mr. J. Frank by the Olivia Raney Library at Ral fines imposed and collected in the may- 1897.

application of the county superintendent. 4175. Rules to be made by State superintendent. The local manager of every library shall carry out such rules and regula-

tions for the proper use and preserva-4176. Exchange of libraries. The local managers of two or more ibraries may by agreement exchange

libraries; but no exchange shall be made

missioners may subscribe and pay over Sec. 6. That this act shall be in force

the first public library, followed in 1900 any other amount, all or a part of the Ratified the 9th day of March, A. D.

script and 1,000 rare volumes.

On the second floor is a finely lighted

ends. The large corner rooms at the

Lavatories. unpacking and storage

rooms, and the heating plant are in the

room above by means of a metal lift.

Stairways run from the side hallway to

The building has a distinctive air of

pleasantness and serviceableness. It is

ngs are tinted with delicate shades of

heated by steam and lighted by elec-

careful expenditure of \$60,000.00, and

when the stack and seminar rooms are

The Library's claim to the interest of

fully equipped, will cost \$70,000.00.

The F st Library In North Carolina

The first settlers in North Carolina were not ignorant men, nor were they unappreciative of the benefits of literature. They had come to the province learning would have carried with them, on a long overland journey or sea voyage, what was to them idle and useless trumpery, from which they expected to derive no solace and help, no comfort and information. Books must be valued Blount Cheshire, Jr., bishop of the dioand information. Books must be valued for their contents—they have no other value—and so they were esteemed by 1599, indica ig that it was an heirloom, Weeks, Ph. D." and that h family was accustomed to some of the refinements of English life. Durant wa an educated man, perhaps; he became member of the council and a judge of the general court. The Bible was his bee text-book, and with it there came prol ply other volumes of good and whole me lore. Could we get at all the invent ies and wills of the time, we than those of which mention has come main of the life of our ancestors in the

seventeenth century. The firs parish or public library of The firs parish or public library of appropriate exercises, January 26, 1907, which we are any account dated from and was opened for the service of the 1700. This library was due to the lov- community, on February 2, 1907. ing real Rev. Thomas Bray, the issary in that province. The n Dr. Bray. "It would be circulated increases; and the many magnint to anyone who has done azines on the reading tables add much choice fell nd enduring service to the to the attractiveness of the library. more real Thomas Bray," says his church th He was born in Shropshire biographer

in 1656, a

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pe in the furtherance of his philanthro plans. After receiving the appointme was commissary in Maryland, to America t once and was employed by Bishop Co ton in the meantime in good and suitable men to act as mi he could secure only poor

to buy th to have m ward pur library so large schei Society for

provinces, of whom five custodian and the treasurer. needed in to Carolina. He recomwere to co mended th each be supplied with a small hut 1-selected library. But Dr. v did not confine his good mmendations, "of his own

work to particular was gift" he sent to North carolina same books "of explanation of ed to provide a public library for the of thorough testing, has proven splendid- University and the State. Without exthe church catechism, with some other small books, to be disposed of and lent as we thought fit;" and about a year after this date he "did send to us a library of books for the benefit of this place, given by the honorable the Corporation for the Establishing the Christion Religion. This collection was worth 2100, and here is the origin of the first public library ever established in North Carolina. Nor is North Carolina the only province which has reason to be grateful to Dr. Bray; for no less than thirty-nine libraries, some of them with more than 1,000 volumes, were established by him in the North American provinces. He also undertook to provide li-braries fo the poorer clergy in England, and before his death saw eighty of these establish The lib try given to North Carolina

peripatetic existence at first. It was established in Bath, which was rated and made a township" in 705. By this establishment in t of Dr. Bray was rendered clergy for whose benefit it intended. Bath was not the government nor the center of ulation, and after the Indian war ased to be important. The library to secure its removal thither, but without success. It seems to have suffered somewhat from neglect and the hands of vandals, who neither knew its value nor cared for its contents. In 1712 Rainsford cells us that it had been "all dispersed and lost by those wretches that do not consider the benefit of so valuable

by Dr. Bray seems to have led a kind

In 1714 Urinstone writes that "the famous library sent in by Dr. Bray's lirections is, in a great measure, destroyed. I am told the books are all s waste paper."

t these statements were not entireue, for an act was passed in 1715 he preservation of the library. was the only act passed during oprietary period encouraging literand the only one relating to lipassed in North Carolina before

Aberdeen

THE PAGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY. (By Mrs. Esther R. Jones, Librarian.) The Page Memorial Library, of Aberdeen, North Carolina, is the gift to the should do otless find many more books town of Miss Mary E. Page, in memory stacks. of her father, the late A. F. Page, for to us through the few records that re- many years the town's first citizen. The library building, begun during th year 1906, was formally dedicated, with

The library has a book circulating de founder a secretary of the Society for partment, and a reading-room with arthe Propa tion of the Gospel. Dr. Bray rangements everywhere for the children is one of fe few figures in the religious and it is a source of great pride and study of Southern culture he deserves a habitants of Aberdeen use the resources conspicuous niche. In 1695 the colony of this little library. Visitors to the town are given special privileges, which London to appoint some minister to act are seemingly enjoyed and appreciated. Interest grows; the number of books

> Page Memomrial Library, though young and small, flourishes apace, and died in 1730. He took the all those interested in its success feel J. H. Wood, S. P. Ravenel, W. B. Wil-A. at Oxford in 1693, and with keen satisfaction that already it liamson, J. C. Martin. 4. He was a man of great has become an integral part of the life of the community.

Asheville

THE ASHEVILLE LIBRARY ASSO-CIATION.

maries in the colonies. He By Mr. Donald Gillis, Vice-President. The Asheville Library and its property service, who were unable are under the control of the chartered elves books; and he seems Asheville Library Association of which the help of the bishops to- any citizen endorsed by two members of ing parochial libraries a its Executive Committee can become a as going to Maryland. His member and whose direction is intrusted the oldest state university library in the e soon became part of a to an executive committee, two of whose United States. Its history, embracing a which took shape in the members are elected for terms of three Fromoting Christian Know- years each at the annual meeting of the ledge. The arst sketch of this society Association, and of which the President University, in whose varying fortunes it included his libraries at home and abroad, and Vice-President are ex-officio memcharity sc ools, and missions both to bers. From the executive committee the colonists and the heathen. He sailed President appoints sub-committees, a for Maryland on December 16, 1699. No committee which has charge of the pur- parts, the University library proper and allowance and been made for his pas- chase of books called the Book Commitsage, and the was obliged to dispose of tee, a committee in charge of the library thropic Literary Societies. These three his small effects and raise money on property called the Room Committee and parts were merged in 1885, and in 1905, green and yellow; the wood work is fincredit. He arrived in America in March, the Auditing Committee, which report to were made to constitute the present li-1700; he re gained for some time, but did the executive committee. Meetings of brary. In the latter year the University ings are of fine, heavy quartered oak. It orth Carolina, although such the executive committee are held on the assumed complete charge of its adminispurpose. He collected much second Monday of each month. At such tration and maintenance, and since then, tricity. At present, it represents the information and on his return reported meetings reports are made in writing by though continuing to profit by the hear-

The origin of the library was in the sity department.

were men who toiled for their daily bread—but there were libraries among the first colonists. As early as 1676 and 1880 we find "books" given a prominent place in inventories and wills. This inventories and wills. The main follows are making a throughout the State who are making a special study of North Carolina act. Is it handsome three story building on a consideration to passing in special study of North Carolina history free from noise incident to passing in handsome three story building on a consideration to passing in the lobby, but at the same time easy of the lobby, but at the same time easy of such and literature. To anyone connected with the University and to visiting such and literature. To anyone connected with the University and to visiting supervision from the delivery desk. In the province, and passed in each near fluities then cased. The main floor of the material found on our shelves to be used by the schools in the county and for club work in near by towns.

Mr. Carnegie's almost invariable practice is to stipulate that the community and literature. To anyone connected with the University and to visiting scholars, the library aims to make a supervision from the delivery desk. In the rear, to the left of the stack room, is the room for bound periodicals; in the lobby, but at the same time easy of the lobby, but at the same time easy of the lobby, but at the same time easy of the lobby, but at the same time easy of the lobby, but at the same time easy of the lobby, but at the same time easy of the lobby, but at the same time easy of the lobby, but at the same time easy of the lobby, but at the same time easy of the lobby, but at the same time easy of the lobby, but at the same time easy of the lobby, but at the same time easy of the lobby, but at the same time easy of the lobby, but at the same time easy of the lobby, but at the same time easy of the lobby, but at the same time easy of place in inventories and wills. This indicates that they were not considered of little value in importance; nor is it probable that the North Carolina act was several first National bank was remodelled and special lines.

In addition to the regular work, the definite contribution along both general the amount of this gift. While ten per by towns.

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> and at least fifty dollars is spent each by that of the other rooms of the buildmonth for new books, appropriations be- ing, will give the libras a total capaciing made by the executive committee for ty of 150,000 volumes. It is of fireproof sets of books and to replace worn out construction throughout and is admir volumes. After studying the methods of ably lighted with twelve tall prism glass large libraries the librarian installed a windows. In the northeast corner, is a s now installing metal books cases as a gradual replacement of the wooden to accommodate 50,000 sheets of manu-

The building on Iack Square is appraised at fifty thousand dollars, and gallery with eight special study rooms library in Charlotte. five thousand is the estimated value of leading off at the front and the two The proposition met with favorable We have endeavored to keep the room the property on Church street, the latter grouping with the Presbyterian, Methodist and Episcopal churches and at present leased to the United States for the temporary use of the United States

The annual receipts of the association are about \$3000 a year. The receipts by history of the early colony that compleasure to those in charge to realize the librarian from membership fees, dues mand our unqualified admiration. In a that all ages and classes of white in and fines amounts to about \$85 per and fines amounts to about \$85 per month, about 2,000 books are circulated per month.

> Officers. President, Judge J. C. Pritchard. Vice President, Donald Gillis. Secretary, Mrs. A. M. Field. Treasurer, W. B. Williamson.

Executive Committee: J. C. Pritchard ex-officio, Donald Gillis, ex-officio; Miss Annie C. Williams, Mrs. F. Rogers Grant

Librarian, Miss Grace McHardy Jones. Assistant Librarian, Miss Ann Talbot Custodian, D. S. Watson.

Chapel Hill

THE LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY right and left in the rear are devoted to OF NORTH CAROLINA.

(By Louise R. Wilson Librarian.) Carolina enjoys the distinction of being FIC SOCIETY. period of one hundred and thirteen years, basement. Books are conveyed from contemporaneous with that of the the unpacking room to the cataloguing

has shared. From its foundation in 1795, to 1885, the second floor and basement. its book collection consisted of three the libraries of the Dialectic and Philan- light and spacious; the walls and ceilthat at let forty missionaries were the sub-committees, the librarian, the ty co-operation of the societies, has conducted it as an active, effective Univer-

> year 1879 when several ladies and gen- The present library building, the gift North Carolinians, however, should not, tlement, among whom were Miss Fannie of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, was completed and does not, lie in its history or its Patton, Miss Annie Aston, Miss Annie in September, 1907. It was planned sole buildings, but rather in those distinc-Chunn and Mr. W. S. Cushman, organiz- ly for library purposes, and after a year tive things for which it stands in the

Carolina, made in 1715. The act was room privileges or the withdrawal of vestibule are curving stairways which through the purchase of entire back meet in a landing immediately above it files, is especially valuable and is by far The recorded use of the reference de-

does not seem to have been reprinted library building and recourse was had to since. The fact that this law is the fiference out of the sixty-six of the Revisal of 1715 would indicate a rather late enactment. But in Cooper's Stanie Patton, Captain T. W. Patton, Miss reference and reading rooms. Both are late enactment. But in Cooper's Stanie Patton, Captain T. W. Patton, Miss is an act nessed by the South Carolina, VII, Annie C. Williams, Haywood Parker, and 13 is an act nessed by the South Carolina, VII, Annie C. Williams, Haywood Parker, and 15 is an act nessed by the South Carolina visit and left of the stairs, are two right and left of the stairs, are two with the newest and best encyclopoedias, used all of the available shelving and with the newest and best encyclopoedias, used all of the available shelving and dictionaries, atlases, maps, etc., all of have many valuable books in the base-left of the lobby, and occupying the entertainments to provide funds for it. Small cloakrooms. To the right and dictionaries, atlases, maps, etc., all of the lobby, hard-working people, who are dictionaries, atlases, maps, etc., all of the lobby, and occupying the entertainments to provide funds for it. Small cloakrooms. To the right and dictionaries, atlases, maps, etc., all of the lobby, and occupying the entertainments to provide funds for it. Small cloakrooms. To the right and best encyclopedias, used all of the available shelving are busy, hard-working people, who are dictionaries, atlases, maps, etc., all of the lobby, and occupying the entertainments to provide funds for it. Small cloakrooms. To the right and best encyclopedias, used all of the available shelving are busy, hard-working people, who are dictionaries, atlases, maps, etc., all of the lobby, and occupying the entertainments to provide funds for it. tutes at Large of South Carolina, VII, Annie C. Williams, Haywood Parker, and light and spacious and are equipped with information with the greatest dispatch. The North Carolina room contains 3,000 Periodical Literature, 1900-04, making books. The demand for works of ref-13, is an act passed by the South CaroMiss Julia A. Hatch who was librarian lina assembly, in 1700, for the preservation of the library which Dr. Bray had In the early part of 1899 Mr. George the lobby by a series of arched gless students, but, also of investigators the lobby by a series of arched gless students, but, also of investigators and library and the lobby by a series of arched gless students, but, also of investigators are library and the lobby by a series of arched gless students, but, also of investigators are library and the lobby by a series of arched gless students, but, also of investigators are library and the lobby by a series of arched gless students. recently sent them. This act is strik- W. Pack donated to the association a limit the lobby by a series of arched glass students, but also of investigators gue cards for the Warner Library and limit the North Corolling at the disposal, not only of oniversity 1802 to date, the "A L. A." 1003 catalogue and library and were men who toiled for their daily ingly like the North Carolina act. Is it handsome three story building on a con-

value—and so they were esteemed by that it came into the hands of Edward books though the reading room is free though a large circular well in the section and upon the reading room is free though a large circular well in the section of the public. Since it is recently free through a large circular well in the section of the public. the colonists. It is also worthy of note that George Durant, one of the earliest that George Durant, one of the earliest that George Durant, one of the earliest to the public. Since it is recently its place in the Liniversity brary during the day. It was known extra service, and a larger staff is necessity. known settlers, brought with him a Literature in North Carolina in the converse of the General Bible pointed in the Converse Bible pointed in the converse of the General Bible pointed in the Converse o copy of the Geneva Bible printed in Considered. The total number of books may be considered. The total number of books floors and a book lift. It has a capacity is a very definite one, the filling of the library by Stephen B. considered. The total number of books floors and a book lift. It has a capacity is a very definite one, the filling of the library by Stephen B. on the shelves is about 10,000 volumes, of 110,000 volumes, which, supplemented with a broad, helpful service, is its sole the usefulness of the library, but the

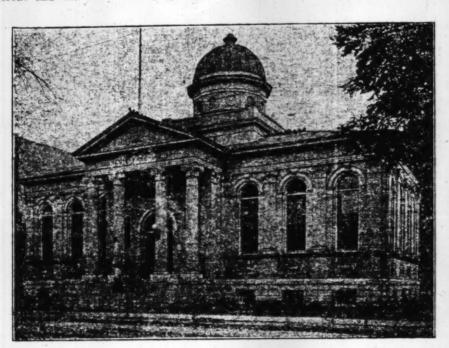
Charlotte

modern indexing system. The association small vault equipped with metal vertical THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF CHAR-LOTTE. filing cases and shelving. It is designed

Reference Department.

hopes.
It is earnestly hoped that a sufficient Children's Room.

Without any new books or a (By Mrs. Annie Smith Ross, Librarian.) we have had many successful days. Feb-It is not now known to whom belongs ruary Mr. R. T. Wyche, president of the the honor of first suggesting a public National Story Tellers' League, entertained several hundred children.



CARNEGIE LIBRARY, CHARLOTTE

The library of the University of North THE ELISHA MITCHELL SCIENTI- Association was completely organized. chose to pay the dues of fifty cents a bulletins by Maxfield Parrish.

> The books were then transferred to the began its existence.

By authority from the General Assemings. bly in an Act passed March 15th, 1901, An art exhibit, which more than a Free Library for all white persons in assembly hall. the City of Charlotte.

Through the efforts and interest of Mr. T. S. Franklin, at that time a member of the Board of Aldermen of Charlotte, Mr. Carnegie gave \$25,000 for a library building. On July 2nd, 1903, the building was formally dedicated and opened to the public as "The Carnegie Library of Charlotte."

(The following report of the Charlotte Librarian for 1907 gives abundant proof of this library's success.) To the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie

Library of Charlotte: Gentlemen-I have the honor to present the fifth annual report of the Carnegie Library of Charlotte for the year ending December 31st, 1907. On January 1st, 1907, there were in the library classified and catalogued 5.050 volumes. During the year 486 volumes were added by purchase, 255 by gift, 76 volumes of magazines were bound, 436 volumes withdrawn and 744 mended in the library. The usual inventory taken in August resulted in the finding of only four books unaccounted for. (Since the report was made one of these has been found.

Circulating Department. The library was open to the public

sue of books for home use was 40,290

One of the greatest helps in this department is our renting collection of current fiction. Our readers have greatnew clean books for two, four or six then small town of Asheville and a char- ly adapted to the requirements made of aggeration, it may be called the head- demand on the regular collection, making cents. This collection also relieves the

Beginning with October, because of forts. lack of funds, the library hours were Notwithstanding this unfavorable condition, the increase for the year 1907 in home reading was 4,170 and in the use of reference books 5,270.

the collection of works on North Carolina history and literature and the scien- reary 12th, 1891. On February 20th, have the story hour a regular feature. tific exchanges of the JOURNAL OF 1891, the Charlotte Literary and Library However, we have had an attendance of with such conspicuous success), a consti-The fall and early winter was devoted changes, is still in operation.

The library thus star was a subscripto the stories from the "Arabian tion association, open to any one who Knights," beautifully illustrated with Messrs. M. C. Martin and C. G. Vardell

month: Mrs. Bessie L. Dewey was li-brarian until her death, November 8th, a steady use of the children's room for a steady use of the children's room for Rev. D. J. Brim, of Columbia Theologisociety and club meetings. During the cal Seminary, asssisted by Messrs. C. F. year, four lectures and fifty-eight mis- Rankin, C. E. Hodgin, J. M. McIntyre. City School Commissioners for the spe- cellaneous meetings were held. The and Prof. James B. Wharey, gathered the cial use of the Graded School children. Woman's Club and the Engineering So-The Charlotte Public School Library thus ciety of the Carolinas continue the use of the room for their regular meet-

the School Commissioners were given thousand people attended, was held in control of the Faculty, consisting of two power to appropriate money to maintain March, and proved again the need of an members from each Literary Society and

Gifts.

Of particular interest to the public was the Bynum collection of books. Besides the valuable additions to the reference department of the Encyclopaedias Brittanica and Americana, more Cotton Manufacturers."

A much appreciated and valuable gift was the Catholic Encyclopaedia from the Knights of Columbus of Charlotte. The library has received from far away Auckland, N. Z., and Portland, Oregon, special editions of newspapers. A beautiful publication, "Farm Needs From the Agricultural Department of Canada," has given much pleasure. The library has received from and a new library building is now being individuals and institutions 50 volumes, planned. 107 pamphlets and odd numbers of perio-

ed by the State Normal College, is an nets for minerals, rocks, and fossils, hold inspiration to men and women, for "He loved North Carolina and consecrated all

his great powers to her service." Library Meetings.

The annual conference of the American Library Association, held in May at 6,409 volumes for collateral and recrea-306 days during the year. The total is Asheville, was an eventful one. Five tive reading. hundred librarians, assistants and others interested in educational institutions were in attendance. Your librarian and assistants, Misses Adams and Pierce, appreciated the opportunity given them to ly appreciated the opportunity to secure be present. The library was also represented by a trustee, Mr. Wilkes. The North Carolina Library Association held its annual meeting at the same

> time and place. In January, your librarian was given

Summary. Everything in this world must vin- thusiasm swept the town from center to

Beyond a doubt, the primary purpose in printed in Swann's Revisal of the Laws books.

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Mr. Carnegie's almost invariable prac-

The "special tax" election, made pos results surprised even our most sanguine sible by an act of the Legislature for the support of the library, whereby the library would receive a revenue in proappropriation will be made to enable the portion to the civic assessment, as the reading room, at least, to be kept open. town grows, so the amount available for maintenance of the library would grow also, failed because of indifference. Inassistant for the children's department, evitably, if this library is to be kept alive, if it is to be given any chance of meeting the growing needs of our people, we will either have to give the people a chance at another election or apply periodically to the city council for

an increase of the annual appropriation. The experience of older libraries has been drawn upon freely in the effort to build up a system of administration that will meet the special needs of our community and make the public library of the widest possible influence.

Respectfully submitted. ANNIE SMITH ROSS.

Davidson College

DAVIDSON COLLEGE LIBRARY.

(By Miss Cornelia Shaw, Librarian.) Prior to 1886 Davidson College and its two Literary Societies had each a small library. The college collection of books, numbering about two thousand volumes. was almost lost in its spacious and dignified home in Chambers Building, and the Society libraries, which were degenerating into collections of novels, had

quarters in their respective buildings. The wisdom of a combination of the hree having been brought home to the powers that were, the 7,000 books on the Society shelves were added to those in the College library. Under the supervisconsideration. The General Assembly attractive, with bright and interesting ion of Dr. Lodge (then Professor of filled the Chair of Latin at Bryn Mawr tution was framed which, with slight

Dr. Paul B. Barringer, aided by arranged the books by subjects and catalogued them by the card system; later, material necessary for a subject and author catalogue, filling eight handsome

and durable folio volumes. The entire management of the library as vested in a committee, under the one member of the Faculty

During the twenty-two years of its united existence many of the finest works in literature and science, selected largely by Professors Hepburn, Currell. and Harrison, have been purchased, and the library now consists of 20,000 bound than two hundred and fifty volumes have have been bought within the mat fifteen volumes. Of this number at least 19,000 been made ready for the shelves. Along years. It is stronger in literature, histhe lines of useful arts were Mr. Cram-er's books on "Useful Information for has a rich store of information in its reference epartment, encyclopedias,

bound magazines and government documents, etc. It is supported by a library fee from each user, a large part of its annual income going into new books. Within the year ending November 1, 1908, 690 volumes were added at an expenditure of approximately \$1.280.00. All available space has been crowded with shelving

The reading room is furnished with the principal dailies of the South and The McIver Memorial volume, present- the choicest magazines, and the cabimore than 10,000 specimens.

As the test of success is usefulness, the library's dominance in the campus life is shown by the fact that during the session of 1907-08, 318 students took out

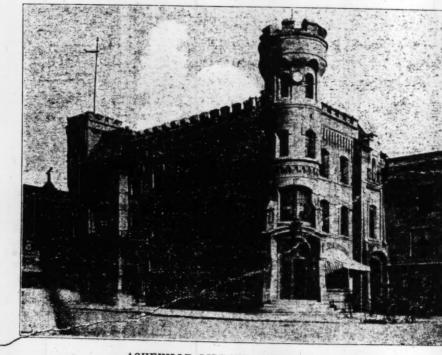
Durham

THE DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY. (By Mrs. Sallie Henderson Rogers, Librarian.)

If preference were to be given to any one of the public benefactions of which them for their consideration of her ef- acteristic of Durham's sons and daugh-

Ten years ago a wave of literary en-

licate its right to be. The utility of circumference. This movement resulted the public library, obvious as that would in the founding of the first free library seem to be, is not accepted without chal- in the state. The Canterbury Club at lenge. To vindicate the public library, that time was the banner literary club as to vindicate the public schools, it is in the city, and it is gratifying to note necessary only to witness the work they that its members were instrumental in are doing. Popular approval of the li- the erection of the Public Library of In organizing the library, it was deem-library is shown by the statistics as Durham. The initiative state was tak-



ASHEVILLE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

was used for the library until the early rance with ornamented arch and single nually to this collection, for the pur-

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should have been at Queen Anne's Creek, ter was granted by the State. The li it is situated on a beautifully ter- center of the intellectual life of the brary at first occupied a room in the raced plot in the northwestern corner of University, the central laboratory of the hird floor of the old court house, later the campus near the fraternity halls and arts and the sciences to which, for purnumber added during the year was 800. Library Association at Atlanta, for which first. And in saying this, we disclaim removing to rooms hired for library purfaces east towards the Caldwell monuposes and gradually increased in strength ment and Alumni Hall. It is of pepper and the State may ever resort.

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It is of pepper and the State may ever and the State may ev a building on a lot which had been gen- campus plan for other University build- eareful attention has been given to the erously donated to the association by the ings. Architectuarlly it is of the sim- selection of books, and, as a result, the heirs of James W. Patton. The lot was ple, pleasing classic style. Its long line 50,000 volumes now in the library are shortened two hours, making the hours conveniently situated on Church street of one hundred and twenty four feet on unusually adapted to the needs of the from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m., reducing the atand on it was erected a one-story build- the front is relieved by a central pro- professor and student alike. Between tendance in the reading room and the ing of brick, of tasteful design which jecting facade in which is the main ent- 2,500 and 3,000 volumes are added an- circulation by at least 1,000 volumes.

unbound and have served for some time part of 1899 when great good fortune window above and two-story paneled chase of which an endowment fund, liwindows between pilasters to the right brary fees, and a special University ap-The early history of the library was and left. The approach from the center propriation, are provided. that of a struggle against adverse cir- of the campus is by means of a broad Two hundred and fifty periodicals are cumstances. The town was small and graveled walk which is crossed at right | received regularly and placed at the ser. ed advisable to register members for a only the devotion of those who interest- angles at the base of the terrace steps vice of the students in the large reading period of three years, and this being the

only the devotion of those who interested the made possible its and the reading growth. New books were added and the reading room maintained through annual membership fees of two dollars a year and a charge to non-members of two cents per day for reading. On either side of the terrace steps wice of the students in the large reading period of three years, and this being the fourth year, the matter of re-registration are rooms and scientific laboratories in the Unition was begun in February. The fourth year, the matter of re-registration and scientific laboratories in the Unition was begun in February. The fourth year, the matter of re-registration and scientific laboratories in the Unition was begun in February. The fourth year, the matter of re-registration and scientific laboratories in the Unition was begun in February. The fourth year, the matter of re-registration and scientific laboratories in the uniber of books in circulation. The popular judgment of approval, I know, is sometimes criticised. Many lament the ladded to the central lobby or main hall collection of period of three years, and this being the fourth year, the matter of re-registration in the various seminar rooms are leading to the terrace steps with the terrace steps will be a rapid increas both in the number of readers using the library and in the number of books in circulation. The popular judgment of approval, I know, is sometimes criticised. Many lament the popular judgment of approval, I know, is sometimes criticised. Many lament the proposed building, while the town of Durham readily appropriated the sum of Revision of the Laws of North bers of two cents per day for reading of the building. On either side of the lated through the years and added to address.

hand to begin active operations. The day afternoon.

ly revenue from the city for the sup- moved to its present site the library was a million manuscripts."

Durham had gained the reputation of these years of planning for the removal ed to hold very rare books and all kinds being the first community which provid- of the college had increased its number of valuable documents, letters, and other As fifty dollars per month was the marked. After the college had been rety-three by twelve feet and it will hold

Biblical Literature, History and Political Economy, Philosophy and Law." "The library is organized according to Cutter author tables for sub-classificalant.

"The building was planned by Hadyn, Wheeler & Co., architects, of Charlotte, arrangement of rooms which had been worked out by President Kilgo."

The library contains more than 37,000 the books in it begun. This work was The library has several special collec-

The Avera Bible collection was estabmonth, or \$900.00 a year for the support open six hours per day. While the of the City Library. There should be a library grew rapinly in efficiency after to its number of volumes will be made

> American State Papers." brary of General Thomas L. Clingman and were donated to the library as a Miss Anne Roney, of Durham, in the

fall of 1902 gave one thousand dollars by in the State. Of the books loan- pended for books in every department to be expended for books on Shakespeare. This is one of the best Shakespeare collage library would be a helpful element lections south of Baltimore. These books in the uplifting of this town. have special plates pasted in them and are known as the Anne Roney Shakes- in what was then called the dark corner peare Collection.

In the summer of 1903 Dr. and Mrs. After a little thought we decided to library a valuable collection of books as rural library and use that as a nucleus of lack. memorial to their daughter, Ethel Carr for a free public library for the town. Peacock. This collection contains 7,049 Mrs. Renalds is a convincing and pervolumes. Special stacks are reserved for suasive speaker and the people gladly re- ply, and the coming of the weekly newsits accommodation. Memorial plates are sponded to her appeal and some fifteen paper the one event to break the steady nent College Library. When this was and church interest. pasted in these volumes. This collection dollars was quickly contributed. s especially rich in North Carolina his-

and J. B. Duke. The founding of this for two and a half years. But we were pleasure for the time being, but in many spirits of the true artistocracy." In conschool made a law library a necessity. not idle while waiting. By means of es-Appropriations were made and a large tertainment and by gifts we collected inspiration to communities to obtain and might remember naught but happiness number of books were ordered annually. funds for a library of about three hun- own permanent libraries of their own. for here they were to associate with the It now contains beside the newest ency- dred carefully selected volumes. As I Thus the permanent school library is best of all ages. clopedias, dictionaries, and text-books; had received training in library methods constantly replacing the travelling licomplete sets of "Lawers Reports Anno- while assisting in the organization of brary, and the travelling library in turn and is now in its fourth home. Each library building was printed in the tated." and Reports of the following the Raney Library in Raleigh, I cata- is forcing its way into more and more one has been larger and better equipped Supreme Courts; United States, Massa- logued the books, and have since freely remote and illiterate districts. There is than its predecessor. The last home is byary, and their efforts to advance its copper-covered dome. It is built of red olina. A notable gift of 241 volumes to was incorporated with the Public Libenefits more generally accepted, have these stone corners is a granite cornice Harvard University, and Jeremiah Smith, ment. Later it was separated from the to travel. Its work is to supply a de- contain two Carnegie Libraries. The carved in a chaste Egyptian design. The Jr., of Boston in 1905. Among these larger collection and carried to the school mand for reading, and also to create a building is of red brick with granite

roof is covered with red corrugated tiles. volumes is a set of "American Reports." house. gave a piece of property to the college Fuquay the people responded with en-Thibrary, not being fully satisfied with small granite plaza. Three graceful from which was realized \$500.00. This thusiasm and took up work for the new filled out in detail. The plan points to throughout with Library Bureau furnithe financial condition of the library, arches admit one to the marble-tiled amount was expended for books in the school with all their might and main. So universal education—it is for every wo- ture which is artistic, durable, and conheld a rally in the City High School vestibule, and each of them is flanked department of Political Economy. Spebuilding, and a Library Association was by tall Corinthian columns of granite set cial plates were made for these books. ping the school and the resources were to further it to the extent of her ability. organized on the inspiration of the mo- in half relief against the smooth red This collection is called the J. A. Long so meagre that we have felt it wise to

Fayetteville

THE FAYETTEVILLE LIBRARY

Asked to write a short sketch of our sents a striking appearance. The top of town library I will have to give a brief HISTORY OF THE TRINITY COLLEGE the dome is sixty-four feet above the history of our beantiful and quaint old floor. The first floor is the general read- Town Hall, which stands in the very the books. At present the library has ing-room. Solid oak tables and chairs heart of the city, our prized and best be- no settled home and suffers the fate of for this work. It is hoped that the complete without its laboratory, the li-

Nearly two years ago there was libraries of the literary and other who desire more isolation than the down remove the Town Hall, the lower part can raise money for a building. But spot in our State, however remote or in- what could be spared from the general years. Mary E. Mendenhall Da ricties of this institution. The literary stairs room offers. This whole interior of which was used as an objectionable even a small bungalow sems beyond our accessible, untouched by educational opspace is finished in oak. On the walls beef market, and sell the lot on which it present means. me Trinity College in 1858 had their is a fine wainscoating surmounted by a stood to the United States government braries, but the first statement of the zone of panelling, and higher up is a for the new federal building. But 'twas subscriptions are giving their all to the istence of a College library appeared broad oaken cornice. Great beams to found that the dear old building not school and that noble work must not be the catalogue for 1860-61. In this a match this cornice are thrown across the only stood in the heart of the town, but lessened, even to aid another noble facamary of the books accessible to stu-ceiling. The walls are tinted a light held a place in the hearts of all the older tor for the public good.

So they determined to save and re-

The Board of Aldermen leased the building to our association for a nominal sum, and the work of repairing and county and state aid in building an adrestoring was completed at a cost of ditional room to the school house. aries of the Columbian and Hesperion It is arched by a fire proof ceiling. The ception of four hundred dollars given by seldom traveled by villagers, and during history and English departments, besides include the circulation of refernec book

number of enterprising citizens supple- ty, assisted by student librarians electmented the appropriation by private ed from each of the literary societies, can be placed in each alcove. The cathe members have earnestly determined subscription so that within a considerhad charge of the Library. This was
bely short time sufficient funds were on
kept open every Wednesday and Saturbely short time sufficient. The state of the library societies, can be placed in each acove.

had charge of the Library. This was pacity of the stackroom as planned at that the library shall live and be our town's greatest blessing and success!

Our building is of Moorish architecture. are twenty-five by fifty-five feet with a Our building is of Moorish architecture, Our building is of Moorish architecture, beautiful, quaint, the remark of strang-"On the south side of the reading-room ers-and our own chief ornament and

We have only made a modest begin-

Franklin

THE FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY CLUB. .

(By Miss Lily M. Rankin, Librarian.) ture and fixtures.

'Twas in the early '90s when a band of public spirited young people first conceived the idea of a Free Public Lithe most approved methods. The deci- brary for Franklin. This band of work- in our Library extension is the Federamal system of classification, with the ers in spite of indifference and the contion of Women's Clubs." Many of the ninety-six drawers is provided. The had grown in number to between 100 municipal library to take the place of eards are the regulation 33, or postal and 200. In March 1894 Franklin's fam- the old subscription or club library. Seveards are the regulation of the cold subscription or club library. Several size. The deliverey desk is built ous fire swept away the work of three eral towns in our State present instances in front of the one door which leads into or four years and the library work was of this development. the stack-room. The building is heated neglected for a while, but early in the But perhaps the library work par exby hot water from the central heating year '95 ten philanthropic young people cellence of the Women's Clubs is the (known as the ten charter members) travelling library system. The plan is decided to revive the library work. So to distribute among the rural districts, for the next few years the work was where no public or school library exists, N. C. But these gentlemen followed an slow but sure. The fact that a fire had and little private reading matter is to swept away the work of years made be found, portable cases of books and h people more interested and more lenient magazines. The books are well selected, to the cry for books and help. And in being not only of standard excellence, bound volumes including its collection of the year 1901 the third and final start but offering variety in style and subject g on its upward climb to success was matter. Each case contains books of an made. The ten charter members and all fiction, travel and biography, books of made. the residence of Mrs. J. L. Robinson; that the young children of the country officers were elected, committees were districts may be entertained and thus appointed to draw up constitution and lured into habits of reading. The liby laws, to solicit new members, and to brary case is placed, in most instances, procure suitable quarters for the li- in the school house, or, when the short

the downstairs part of their hall as a keeper as custodian. permanent home for the library, free of rent. The year 1901 saw the membership one place long enough for the contents to grow from 10 to 75 or 80, each member paying \$1.00 a year dues. This goes into habitants, it is moved, or, as its name the treasury and is used only for buying all improvements in the room. The li- supply is changed, and the readers enrian, yet its great future was not assur- In 1898 Mr. T. L. Clingman and Miss brary is open twice a week, Wednesday joy variety that would not be possible

Fuquay Springs

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AT FUQUAY SPRINGS, N. C. (By Miss Harriet Cushman Wilkie, Li-

brarian.) About six summers ago the idea came to Mrs. Renalds and myself that a vil-

At that time old Fuquay was located

A Law School was founded at Trinity waiting list ahead and we must bide our stimulation. Not only has the result led the seniors and juniors into the Lithe summer of 1904 by Messrs. B. N. turn. In point of fact that did not come been mental recreation and intellectual brary and Reading Room to meet "the

> When the educational wave spread to not call on the town people for funds for how great is the need and how incom- of which are reference works. the library. We watch every occasion for plete the accomplishment. According turning a nimble sixpense when barbe-Spring, and so do not drop the work although we cannot prosecute it as vigorously as we desire.

a we are offered a most desirable lot of in time, hand in hand with the public For the first twelve years the library the literature section movement among some of our citizens to land near the Spring Grove as soon as we schools, the library system will leave no had no income for books, etc., except pride. The librarian for a

The townspeople by special tax and

Where to "beg, borrow, or steal" funds for our biulding we know not, and to store it, and use it as a library, the Wo- raise money by fives and tens, is such es; the College library, 650 vol- brarian's office, the other the office of the man's Civic Improvement Association be- slow work that we fear the offer of land library manager. In the front, on each ing organized for this purpose, and for will be withdrawn before we can accept but do not lose our courage.

library with the school and thus receive Unfortunately the latter building is

situated at one side of town on a road ample reference material for use in the during the college year. This does no the winter that we had the books in the much valuable general literature, and which are only circulated for over night school house no villagers visited the li- some carefully selected standard fiction. The reading room is supplied with center of town and a building near it plied with a large number of the best technical, and many state and nation would be accessible to every one. Then periodicals of the day, including all the newspapers. The bound magazine se too, in summer when hotel and boarding leading magazines, daily state papers, tion of the library is becoming an in

houses are full of guests, we would gain as considerable revenue if the library publibuilding were near the Spring pavilion. way, The running expenses, after a building for t once secured, will be very slight, as filling the shelves and increasing the

usefulness of the library. It is our aim to have this little library do for the people of this community with Capital City, and we shall never give up fur

Goldsboro

TRAVELING LIBRARIES-THE WORK OF THE WOMEN'S CLUBS.

At the annual conference of the American Library Association held last May in Asheville various reports on library developments in the Southern States Franklin, N. C.—the county seat of were given. These reports show, as one columes of standard works and fiction, the Women's Clubs are among the most which has been spent over \$150 in furni- enthusiasm and spirit. To this generalization conditions in our own State prove no exception. To quote the president of our own North Carolina Library Association, "One of the mightiest forces spiquous absence of voluntary contribu- clubs have reached a surprising stage of tion, is used. A card catalogue case with

school term ends, in some private home The Masons very generously offered in the neighborhood, with the house-

When a travelling library has been in have been well circulated among the insuggests, it travels on, to another community, while another case of books is sent to take its place. In this way the

unfailingly kind and helpful in supplying names and addresses, and in communicating between country residents or teachers and club women of the town. The superintendent, knowing the educational conditions in his county, can be of unlimited service in this co-operation. The effects of this library circulation,

while very gradual, have been no less certain. The lives of many country residents have been utterly barren of all recreation; in very many cases there has been no chance for intellectual development or imaginative stimulus. A travelling library in such conditions supplies a definite need. The need may not of Wake county in educational matters. be felt as such by the most needy—it is only when the need is in a degree satis-

To communities where the fireside al manac is the one source of literary sup- lege could afford to make an order for we were informed that there was a long in the way of intellectual awakening and opened! What awe when Dr. Alderman cases the travelling library has been an nection with this room, he hoped they demand. It is an instrument of the trimmings and contains seven rooms on most broad spread education. The sys- the first floor and two on the second. It tom has been outlined-it is now to be is finished in light oak and furnished

averaging thirty-five volumes to the case, work of the departments. the homeless. And by the irony of fate work will grow to such proportions that brary. portunities.

Greensboro

GREENSBORO FEMALE COLLEGE LIBRARY.

old, it has made most gratifying progress and dollars per year. With this increas side of the vestibule, are two cloak- the betterment of the town in other it. So we are in a pretty tight fix in the accumulation of a valuable col- in income the library has been able t lection of about two thousand volumes, very materially enlarge its usefulne It may be suggested that we unite the consisting mainly of reference books and many sets of standard authors have necessary to the students in the prepara- been added to the different departments tion of their work.

and such standard periodicals

STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE LIBRARY.

personal property of teacher and class. Etude, Life, Scientific American, Mis-

The year was half gone before the colbooks that should belong to a permamonotony, one can easily understand done at last, what excitement there

With less than 100 volumes sixteen The Women's Clubs have already done years ago the Library has grown to over allow the school to have first place and much, but none more than they realize six thousand volumes, a large per cent

Almost from its foundation the Lito the last report of the State Federa- brary has been considered the true workcues or picnics draw crowds to the tion of Women's Clubs last May there shop of the College and has been made were sixty-three travelling library cases, to co-operate in every way with the

distributed among the rural districts of As modern scientific instruction is im-The greatest lack, next to a regular income, is a suitable place for sheltering been added to the number. An enthus- modern instruction in literature, philo- Quaker doctrine, and, at the time iasm has been aroused among the clubs sophy, language, hstory and science in fire the Quaker section of ou

erage more than two hundred dollars per and so these books had been ch year. The two literary societies, ever ready to be helpful to the college gave for many years a stated sum for the purchase of books and also furnished an assistant from their number to help in the work of administration of the li-brary. With the going into the new Although the new library of Greens-boro Female College is barely five years which now amounts to over one thous-The circulating department contain The library is especially well equipped only one thousand volumes but they ar with the latest encyclopedias, and with circulated nearly five thousand time In addition, the reading room is sup- the leading magazines, both general a

good, but no one could long resist Dr. Harper's Monthly and Weekly, Forum, Alderman's enthusiasm and soon the Century, Review of Review's, World's "What not" was filled with well-worn Work, Independent, Popular Science volumes, the annotation in which no Monthly, National Geographic Magazine, Dred Peacock, of High Point, gave to the raise the money necessary to secure a fied that there comes the consciousness strangers eye had ever seen—the loved Educational Review, Classical Journal,

> Our annual fund is about \$500.00 When we petitioned for a rural library what a case of good books would mean was! What joy when each new box was which is used exclusively for the purchase of books and periodicals. In th near future during the present

sionary Review, Biblical World and a

score of others equally or less helpful.

beside a number of publications of local

fiscal year we plan to have an \$18,000.00 Library building, the money for the same is practically raised. Andrew Carnegie gives us \$9000 and we secure the other \$9000.

It would not be fitting to speak of the growth of the library since the fire, without making mention of the fact that nearly 700 boks have been given us from the library at Haverford College, Pennchusetts. New York, New Jersey, Wis- given my services as librarian. When still plenty of work for the travelling a building to itself, the splendid gift of sylvania, supplemented by contributions consin, Ohio, Michigan, and North Car- the rural library was first received it library to accomplish. While there is a Mr. Andrew Carnegie in 1905, being the from the private libraries of the various teachers in that institution. The Alumusefulness by making its surroundings pressed brick, with corners supported by the law library came from Judge Jere- brary as it was thought that the most country who has not easy access to good Womans' College and making Greensboro in of Guilford College also have had a wide bands of dressed granite. Above mish Smith, Dean of the Law School of good would result from one managetheir individual contributions were mostly in small sums-yet in the aggregate proved a very appreciable amount.

But with dreams of a beautiful new building almost beginning to be a reality we would not be unmindful of the years past, for Guilford College Library has a past of which it is proud. The oldest book plates to be found in our books read thus "Belonging to the Circulating Library of Friends of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, located at the Boarding School." Books bearing this stamp formed the nucleus of the library which was

The library began with the beginning of the New Garden Boarding Sch (1837). Most of the original books those relative to Quaker histor was without doubt the best t

aktic supporters of the Durham Public library, and the improvements in ef-

perion Literary Society library, 2,200 the corners, are two rooms, one the li-

fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month. A large eral hundred. A member of the facul- well-lighted alcoves, and if it shall ever nished, we have not many, but som

rt and maintenance of the library the placed in the largest room in the Duke "In the second story of the building recutive board in concurrence with the building. Shelves were made and placed, are several reference-library rooms These are for the accommodation of sepMacon—a mountain village, nestled in of the characteristic features both sigg various entertainments and by Neither was an accession-book kept nor cial libraries. Graduate and other small the valley of the little Tennessee, boasts nificant and interesting in the history of 1897 the library committee unwilling to graduate subjects are placed in the most endure any longer the disarrangement of they are needed. These seven rooms are a reading room and library room in active and potent agencies in kindling

ing the debt which rested on the Public 1897 the library committee unwilling to graduate subjects are placed here while The Executive Board at that time the books classified them with the help assigned to the following departments: busisted of the following ladies: Mrs. of the student librarians into a system English, Modern Languages, Classics, ...

DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mrs. A. G. Carr, president; Mrs. J. S. originated by themselves. A card cata- Public Documents and 15,000 pamphlets. Carr. Mrs. J. A. Robinson, Mrs. T. D. logue was begun and cards one half the These Documents are put in order ac-Jones, Mrs. W. H. Bransom, Mrs. A. E. size of a postal card were used. The cording to the serial numbers. Every others interested in library work met at useful knowledge, and juvenile books, Bloyd, Mrs. L. L. Morehead, Mrs. Geo. cataloguing was kept up until the books department in the college curriculum is W. Watts, Mrs. W. L. Wall, Mrs. I. N. needed for parallel reading and reference now well represented in the library by a rr, and Miss Mary Haynes. The pub- work were in good shape for use. In supply of books for class reference. Esis indebted to these ladies for their February, 1899, the books in the library pecially so are the departments of Engecutive ability, which they demon- room were counted, an accession-book lish and English literature, History, Porated, especially during that period of was bought, and the work of registering litical Economy, and Biblical literature. flancial struggle.

138 volumes during the past year. Of surate with the dignity and influence Debates." These were a part of the lithese 42 books were purchased and 96 of the college he gave the means for finthis is the largest circulation of any chase of books. This amount was ex-

400 were taken out by the chil- of the college curriculum. the school children in the preparation of prayer. Judge Armistead Burwell, of

the various clubs of the city. The chief glory of every library consists in its collection of books which are more or less distinctive and are particularly valuable for the higher life and industry of the community. Especially really notable event in the development strong is the Durham Public Library in historical works of our own State as

and current periodicals. Public Library: Gen. J. S. Carr, chairian; Mr. John Sprunt Hill, Mr. T. B. ller, Dr. Edwin Mims, Mr. Geo. W. ts. Mr. James H. Southgate. Mr. H. tributed. Joushee, Mr. John F. Wiley, Rev. S. Bost, Mr. H. N. Snow, Prof. W. D. rmichael. These gertlemen manifest the greatest interest in everything pertaining to the best interests of the l as inviting as possible and its proffered

done much toward placing it upon the high ground of popular favor. In June of the current year enthusiment, with an exceedingly large and ac- brick. The ceiling of the vestibule is Collection. tive membership. This organization has made of bronzed metal in rich floral deindertaken to do great things for the ficiency and increase in financial strength thready bifected by their support argues vell for the future of Durham's greatest

LIBRARY. (By J. P. Breedlove, Librarian.) The library of Trinity College began, cieties of Normal College which be-

At this period the Civil War broke out Had they been issued and could covered with thick cork earpet." iterary Societies and the library of the only door to it and all of the windows the city.

thand to begin active operations and the progressive administration pitch of thirty feet." bor with great zeal and were rewarded of President Crowell it was thought wise seeing their efforts materialize. Even to remove the college from its seat in is the historical museum, the dimensions pride. te fact that the amounts appropriated Randolph county to a city where it of which are twenty-five by forty-one and subscribed were not sufficient to would come in contact with a larger feet. In the middle of the room are ning in library work, overcoming many cirry out the proposed plans did not de life. The trustees and the North Caro- glass cases for the exhibition of historiter those interested in the enterprise, lina Conference having agreed to move cal relics. The museum room is under overcome, but we turn our faces hopeful-In order to erect the building a certain the college accepted the offer of the busi- the control of the Trinity College His-

amount was borrowed, a mortgage on ness men of Durham to place the college torical Society. At the rear of this the end the library will be the greatest the lot was given as security. Ten years in their midst. In September, 1892, the room, and opening into it, is a fire-proof success, pleasure, and benefit of this and the doors of the Public Library were college opened its first session in the new yault. This is built after the best plans successive generations. thrown open to the public and the town plant at Durham. The library during of improven record vaults. It is design-

g various efforts succeeded in liquidat- a system of classification adopted. In classes meet here. Books relating to of a Free Public Library with over 1100 the Library movement in the South, that

With the coming new Chamber of continued every day until the books in tions representing large gifts to the liommerce the Board of Directors of the library room were registered except brary by friends of the college. library made a special request for an the public documents and some books appropriation in order to increase the library fund. The new board allowed us A paid librarian was employed in the lished by Mrs. E. B. McCullers, of Johnston county in memor yof Mr. W. H. \$25.00 more, making in all \$75.00 per fall of 1897 and the library was kept Avera. This collection has grown to be

larger appropriation from the city reve- the employment of a permanent libra- steadily in the future. The progress of the library in this ed until June, 1900, when President Kil- Jane A. Clingman, of Farmington, N. C., and Saturday afternoons. And today our under any other system. The progress of the horary in this ed difference and saturday afternoons. And today our country is most encouraging, notwithstanding and saturday afternoons. And today our country is most encouraging, notwithstanding and saturday afternoons. And today our country is most encouraging, notwithstanding and saturday afternoons. And today our country is most encouraging, notwithstanding and saturday afternoons. And today our country is most encouraging, notwithstanding and saturday afternoons. And today our country is most encouraging, notwithstanding and saturday afternoons. And today our country is most encouraging, notwithstanding and saturday afternoons. And today our country is most encouraging, notwithstanding and saturday afternoons. And today our country is most encouraging, notwithstanding and saturday afternoons. And today our country is most encouraging, notwithstanding and saturday afternoons. And today our country is most encouraging, notwithstanding and saturday afternoons. And today our country is most encouraging, notwithstanding and saturday afternoons. And today our country is most encouraging, notwithstanding and saturday afternoons. And today our country is most encouraging, notwithstanding and saturday afternoons. And today our country is most encouraging, notwithstanding and saturday afternoons are considered and saturday afternoons. And today our country is most encouraging and saturday afternoons and saturday afternoons are considered and saturday afternoon the fact that this institution of a library building. Mr. Duke's Among them are several volumes of strangers. nterest grew in this enterprise and in At present the library comprizes 3781 accordance with his desire to do things Archives," nearly a complete set of "Anumes: there has been an increase of well and to put up a building commen- nals of Congress," and "Congressional denated. The library is now subscribing ishing and furnishing the building at a to about 26 magazines and also several cost of \$55,000. He was not content to memorial to him. Special plates were newspapers. The number of books loan- house the books in an excellent building made and pasted in these volumes. from the library was 42,000-doubt- for in 1901 he gave \$10,000 for the pur-

The new building was completed in As to the class of reading, fiction February, 1903, and on the 23d day of , with juvenile books as a close sec- that month it was dedicated with forand followed by literature. The refer- mal exercises. The late and beloved ence department is well patronized by Bishop Duncan offered the dedicatory heir; lessons, also by the members of Charlotte, made the address of presentation. President Kilgo the address of acceptance, and Mr. Walter Page, of New York, the dedicatory address. The Outlook of New York in an editorial called the formal opening of this library "a

of higher education in the South." After the exercises the doors of the well as general history reference books library were thrown open for the inspecion of visitors and friends. A pamphlet The Board of Directors of the Durham containing the addresses of the formal opening with cuts of the building and reading room, of Mr. James B. Duke, and

of Mr. Walter Page was issued and dis-A clear and correct description of the pamphlet of the formal opening. It is: "The new library building is a handsome romanesque structure, surmounted by a The entrance is reached by a series of In 1907 Mr. J. A. Long, of Roxboro, c granite steps, which are broken by a

signs, in the center of which a clouded white glass cylinder covers a powerful

electric light." "Back of the vestibule are three double loors of beveled plate-glass which lead into the reading-room. This room preare arranged for the readers. Upstairs loved centrepiece. did nearly every other college library is a spacious balcony on which small the South, with the consolidation of tables are placed for the use of students ents is given: The Columbian Literary brown. The size of the room is fifty- residents as well. ociety library 2,200 volumes; the Hest five by seventy-five feet, In the rear, in

and if the catalogues of the College for rooms, and underneath these are toilet- ways. years 1862 to 1867 were published rooms. The whole building is lighted by are not in the files of this library electricity. The reading-room floor be examined, they would show that | "On the north of the reading-room is library had made but small progress, the stack-room. This is separated from \$1,650.00, money that has been raised During the college year 1887-88 the li- the rest of the building by a solid wall. by the Civic Association, with the ex-

heological Society were consolidated are fitted with roller steel shutters. The A small sum you think? but it repre ith the small College library under one room is therefore fire proof. The stacks sents the energy, brains and untiring ef- brary. The Spring Grove is the social nanagement. Each of the literary so are American Library Bureau steel forts of a small band of women and liety libraries contained 4,000 volumes stacks. They are four stories high and girls!

nd the Thoslogical Society library sev. eight feet apart. This gives wide and The library has been testefully fur-

uilding, and the occasional rental of the

and the number of volumes has increas- In the year 1827 the sum of d to nearly 10,000.

the Library is constantly used by stu- In the year 1835 the sum of ... lents of St. Mary's School, Peace Ins. In the year 1841 the sum of titute, the Baptist University, the A.

unconditionally to the white citizens of Raleigh. The city donates \$2,000 a year, paid in monthly installments, to the supposition are explained by the citizens of the expenditures made in consequence by books of reference, history, blography, reading rooms and to install the electric ent to keep technical books in the department of the second and the citizens of the second and to install the electric ent to keep technical books in the department of the second and to install the electric ent to keep technical books in the department of the second and to install the electric ent to keep technical books in the department of the second and to install the electric ent to keep technical books in the department of the second and the install the electric ent to keep technical books in the department of the second and the install the electric ent to keep technical books in the department of the second and the install the electric ent to keep technical books in the department of the second and the install the electric ent to keep technical books in the department of the second and the install the electric ent to keep technical books in the department of the second and the install the electric ent to keep technical books in the department of the second and the install the electric ent to keep technical books in the department of the second and the install the electric ent to keep technical books in the department of the second and the install the electric ent to keep technical books in the department of the second and the install the electric ent to keep technical books in the department of the second and the install the electric ent to keep technical books in the department of the second and the install the electric ent to keep technical books in the department of the second and the electric ent to keep technical books in the department of the second and the electric ent to keep the second and the elec In the year 1828 the sum of. As Raleigh is an educational center, In the year 1828 the sum of .

Wake Forest College and the county having unexpended a balance of \$5,906.27. of the reading room, and, upon making in consequence of the informal confer-

paid in monthly installments, to the support of the Library, and this, together with the rental of the two stores in the building, and the occasional rental of the thereafter an appropriation has been within the past few years. Our collective women began to aid and from Oct- agricultural department has a large spehall above the library, is the only source of income.

A book order, averaging \$25.00 a mounting exclusively of the sum appropriated for the present year to the he book committee; this committee is the public Treasurer made to the said incorrence of our State Library is he bear two women began to aid and from October, (1903), alternated as assistant librarians and the fact became established bound in book form running back a hundred dollars amounting exclusively of the sum appropriated for the present year to the propriated for the present year to the said importance of our State Library is he bear two women began to aid and from October, (1903), alternated as assistant librarians and the fact became established building, and the other departments are equipped with small reference libraries.

The needs of the library seem pressing importance of our State Library is here. the book committee; this committee is committee is composed of three members of the board of trustees of the library; the order intrustees of the library; the order intrustees it appears that of this sum trustees it appears that of the needs of the library. The needs of the library is because the provided the needs of the library is because the provided the needs of the library is because the needs of the library is beca cludes additions to the classes, current there has been expended as follows, vis: for a fireproof building is admitted by Ausley made the final request and it was degraduate students are well provided.

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The great educational movement in the year 1823 the sum of ... 1,715.40 are occasional gifts of books from friends are well provided. 76.57 momentum under Governor Aycock's ad- minimum gift for several years past has dents. 15.50 ministration, and which has continued been \$10,000.00 and it was only by the The books on religion are few in num 500.00 under our present administration, has most persevering efforts and negotiations ber, but well chosen. Controversial the-1,367.66 also awakened new interest in the Li- for more than a year that the request ology finds little room on the A. & M. 15.60 brary work, and not only the patronage was seriously considered. \$4,093.73 the Library is largely patronized by the swept through the business portion of tical religion. The literature collection and M. College, the riight School, Graded amounting to the sum of \$4,093.73 and colored schools, so that the benefits of Statesville in which the library was sit- is much larger, and is quite sufficient for Wake Forest College and the county having unexpended a balance of spools. The history shelves are chools. Strangers are allowed the use Judge Gaston stated to the trustees that sect, but is general in its benefits to our and some totally destroyed but nothing also well filled. The books on American small temporary deposit, are permit- ences which has been had between him ficient State superintendent the Hon. collected volume for volume and now are enough books on British and Contia small temporary deposit, are permitted to borrow books. There is an averand the other trustees wherein he had J. Y. Joyner, and those working under has every book that was burned substinental history to supply needed information. ge daily circulation of 150 books, and been requested to obtain a catalogue of him is bringing about a revolution, not tuted or duplicated. he number of borrowers is 3,175. Since the books proper for the Library, and only in education but in library work, the educational work in our State.

100 years, much of which cannot be for the proposed Carnegie building. found elsewhere, and we are still havlarly) for future use.

The Register shows 4005 names persons who visited the State Library the site fund by an entertainment, and from January 1, 1908, to Nov. 1, 1908, Mrs. Charles H. Armfield. while many persons who visited the Library did not register.

Spencer

THE RAILROAD YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION LIBRA-RY, SPENCER, NORTH CAROLINA.

(By B. F. Stevenson, Gen. Sec.) Feeling the need of a library in Spener, the Committee of Management of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Ladies' Auxiliary joined in an effort last April to make such possible. their interest in same as well as express- D. M. Ausley, Dr. J. J. Mott, E. G. ng their desire to encourage and assist Gaither. establishing a library. The effort was entirely successful and it was possible for the Committee to purchase four hundred volumes with which to start this library. A library committee was apointed at once, three members of the M. C. A. and three members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, to meet with the Gen-However a goodly number of technical and books of history were also added. The privilege of using this library is

restricted to members of the Y. M. C. A or the Ladies' Auxiliary and their families. The members of the Association are issued library eards and are allowed to take one book at a time home

with them for two weeks. The library was installed July 20 and the books have been read several times since that date. More than three hur dred volumes are being read monthly which shows the interest that is beng taken in the library. An effort will be made during the coming winter to inrease the number of volumes to more han two thousand. If this effort is successful, it will mean a great deal to he people of Spencer.

Statesville

HISTORY OF THE STATESVILLE

PUBLIC LIBRARY. The first free public library at States ille, N. C., was established in October. 1903, through the enterprise of Mrs. D. M. Ausley. It was opened in clean, oomy, attractive quarters in Dr. J. J rent was free being Dr. Mott's liberal donation. The library volumes then umbering 400 have steadily increased and now the collection has 1400 well se lected volumes. The books were pre sented and solicited by Mrs. D. M. Aus ley beginning with but two volumes and the collection represents much inividua

As the time had arrived when a free public library was considered almost s It is no unusual sight, and one that "The exertions of all hands were then necessity in a town of Statesville's size does the heart good, to see twenty or directed to the object of saving the pa- and progress Mrs. Ausley was urged by twenty five boys in the Library at night, pers in the different offices and protect- Mrs. J. T. Aldernan, of Henderson, N poring over books and magazines, so ing the other public buildings in the C., chairman of the North Carolina Feddeeply interested that outside attraction. In this they were happily sucception of Women's Clubs' Library Comthe remaining years of her life. It was tions are forgotten, and, by the pleasures cessful, but most unfortunately the mittee, to undertake the work upon any years, something over one hundred and people around her and in 1899 started their evenings loafing on the streets. The editor is a little in error in the was constantly encouraged in her efforts fifty with over two hundred and eighty the little Montreat Library with a few The influence on the children of good, above statement, as there were upwards by Mrs. Aldernan and later by Mrs. clean literature, and the habit they are of one thousand volumes saved, which Lindsay Patterson of Winston-Salem, forming of reading the best books, will for ned the nucleus of our present Li- both of whom were efficient and progress brary, but most of them were in broken sive presidents of the State Federation sets. No appropriation was made for Their kindly support extended at that NORTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY several years, and on the completion of time was much appreciated not only by (By Hon, Miles O. Sherrill, Librarian.) the present capitol, in 1840, the few Mrs. Ausley but by all the most influ-The North Carolina State Library was books saved were transported to the ential and broadminded friends of the

the Library are not confined to race or uated. The books were much damaged present needs. The history shelves are people. The persistent efforts of our ef-

for a good library is a great power in for and shelved in a commodious room travel books, many of which have proved in a private residence and are being used very popular among the students. Num The current history of our Great State by the young people for circulation and is in the bound newspapers, for the last reference, and saved as a library nucleus Monthly and other periodicals are an-

Among the most efficient co-workers ing them bound, (when they come regu- in this labor of love are Mrs. George B Nicholson and Miss Laura Turner, who of also cleared a neat little sum towards

On May 8th, 1907, the Carnegie Library Association was incorporated with fifteen representative citizens as trustees. These included the mayor and four It was through the efforts of the Sorosis gentlemen who had previously served as that its longed-for wish was at last re-

ated consisting of thirty-five ladies, who ress. later on will be notified of their appointment and be privileged to assist the trus-

The following are the members of the

board of trustees: Ex-Mayor, T. C. Steele, ex-Mayor R. R. Clark, ex-Mayor Charles H. Armfield, Many of these have been gifts, showing Mayor H. P. Grier, Prof. J. H. Hill, the steadily increasing interest of the An appeal was made to the good people Messrs, W. D. Turner, J. B. Armfield, of Spencer to join the Y. M. C. A. and J. H. Hoffman, Eugene Morrison, Wm. the Ladies' Auxiliary, thereby showing Wallace, Geo. B. Nicholson, N. B. Mills, gratifying number of 2030, the daily cir-

Wadesboro

THE WADESBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY. until after Christmas, and indefinitely, The Wadesboro Public Library was if the extra expense will not exceed the formally opened January 20, 1905, with appropriation. eral Secretary to select the books. Most Col. R. T. Bennett as President and Mr. of the books selected at this time were W. C. Hardison as vice president. Col. ians, Miss Waddell, and her assistant, late books of fiction and a few of the Bennett started the Library by present- Miss Elizabeth Woodward; and a night best books from the standard authors, ing to the town more than 300 volumes, assistant, Miss Nellie Woodward. Miss some of them rare books. The citizens railroad books, Encyclopaedia, Dictionary gave a number of books, and since then, the Atlanta School, came to Wilmington the small dues paid by the members to open the Library, and give Miss Wadare used to purchase others. The Li- dell her training, and the catalogue she brary occupies a rented building, is open installed has been pronounced by visittwo afternoons in the week, and is a ing librarians, from both North and help and pleasure to all who use it.

West Raleigh

OLINA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS.

By Miss Elsie Lanier Stockard, Librarian beautiful room, being 96 feet long, by 56 Raleigh, occupies nearly the entire first earnest hope of everyone interested that floor of Pullen Hall. It is well lighted the city will have a handsome library and roomy, and is handsomely furnished building of her own in the near future. with library chairs, large oak tables, an oak desk for the librarian, shelves for the seven thousand volumes, and the necessary racks for periodicals and locked shelves for old numbers of periodicals. The room is further ornamented with HISTORY OF CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIthe handsome silver cups for which the class teams compete each year, and with numerous framed pictures of classical The library is open from nine to six that the idea of a public library in Winseach week day and from two to six each ton was first conceived. Our public

study and light reading. drill, laboratory, lectures, shop work, a public library

ost of the site, building, and first 5,000 those which have been voted previous books of fiction, except those by North amount being utilized to paper, paint, to the resolution of December 1821 and calsomine the large library and library are small, as it is most convenion to the expenditures made in consequence of the expend

brary work, and not only the patronage was seriously considered. shelves, but there are books on missions of schools and colleges for the white, but In November, 1906, a disastrous fire and books of interpretation and of pracshelves, but there are books on missions, The 1,400 books are now being cared and illustrated by a good collection of other important part of the library.

Wilmington

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF WILMING TON. N. C.

The Wilmington Public Library was alized, and they individually, and as a A board of patronesses was also cre- club, still show keen interest in its prog-

With only 1,200 books to begin with, eiation, and those given by the Sorosis, the Library has increased to 6500, which is a good record for two years, with its small appropriation of \$1700 per year.

general public. The registrations have reached the culation of books averages 95, and the daily number of visitors to the reading room 150. For the past month the Library has been kept open in the evenings, as there was a great demand for it. and it is the purpose of the Board of Trustees to continue the evening hours

There are at present two day librar-South, to be one of the handsomest ever seen by them. There are many rare books in the Library, formally owned by the Wilmington Library Association, among which is a full set of Audubon's bird books, presented by Mr. Donald THE LIBRARY OF THE NORTH CAR- MacRae. The Library is at present situated in the City Hall building, occupying the entire second floor, and is a most The A. & M. College Library, at West wide, and 30 feet pitch; but it is the

Winston-Salem

BRARY, OF THE CITY OF WINSTON, N. C.

(By Mrs. Mary C. Prather, Librarian.) cenes, class groups, and athletic group. It was during the summer of 1904, unday. It is a place of general resort spirited townsman, Hon. J. C. Buxton, Mott's centrally located block and the for the students, being used for both taking the initiative in the matter. wrote to Mr. Andrew Carnegie in re-The A. & M. boys are so busy with gard to assisting the town to establish



ers for special reports.

For a college only nineteen years old, It was not open to the public, only



OLIVIA RANEY LIBRARY. RALEIGH, N. C.

that was founded in the year 1893. A mosting was held in July and the association organized. C. M. Royster the free use a foom and Prof. R.

hope as to what ample accommodation

Hickory

THE HICKORY FREE LIBRARY AS-

SOCIATION (INC.)

Meade, gave a services in setting the library in rur aing order. The office of

Librarian was filled by ladies in turn,

each serving a month at a time. Start

ing out with no capital, gifts of books,

were thankfully received. Funds for the

aginable. Fc. a long time Col. C. A. Cil-

maintenance. The Board accepted the

proposition and the Hickory Library be-

came the Hickory Free Library Associa-

tion, Incorporated, and at that time the

and the Library became free to all white

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iry and comfortable.

ward and uphold the work.

wit new copies or rebound. The

the great need is of funds.

residents of the town.

books were raised by lawn

Hickory Library is an enterprise

and perfect equipment will do for us.

McAdensville subscriptions to magazines, and money THE R. Y. McADEN MEMORIAL HALL

LIBRARY. A Library For Mill Operatives. parties, baza rs and almost any way im-(By Miss Katherine Ray, Librarian.) Realizing long ago the great need of ley served ally as president and Mr. and encouraging the love of books and higher Mrs. C. N. Graves were unremitting in thinking among the mill operatives, the their labor for the furtherance of the late Dr. Giles M. McAden in his will, work. The helping hand was often held left a generous permanent endowment out by citizens and many of the present for the support of a library and recreareaders remember the Cake Walk, the tive hall for the citizens of McAden-Minstrel Troupe and the issue of the ville; and in January, 1908, less than a Press and Carolinian, by which money year ago, the formal opening of this was raised. The initiation fee was one memorial that Dr. McAden left to his dollar, and the monthly dues ten cents, father the late R. Y. McAden, founder of

and about forty members were all that both town and mill, occurred. could be found willing to pay this much for the maintenanct of the institution. which the citizens of McAdenville took It was felt that more members and more hold of their gift has never abated and general interest were needful before the the membership has increased daily until Library could be a really useful factor in the community life. When it is con- to the library-nearly one half of the sidered that this institution was begun

population of the town. assurance of a cent of in-The R. Y. McAden Library is a free come, it is Inderful that it has survivlibrary for the citizens of McAdenville. ed. For thi een years the library strugwhich means the operatives of the gled along without one cent of public McAden mills, for no one not connected assistance, except voluntary contribuwith the mills lives in the town.

tions, never paid a librarian one cent. Already the library has nearly 2,000 and that at the end of that time, it was carefully selected volumes of all classes; still in running order, seems remarkable. a great many dealing with textile work, In February, 1906, a meeting was held to consider conditions, resources, and interest to the patrons. lock of resources, the result being that

One corner of the building is set apart sition to the Board of Aldermen offering of creating a desire for books worth to turn over the entire equipment of the while in the juvenile readers lies the Association if the Board would guaran- great hope for future betterment. tee a small monthly sum to assist in its

Montreat

rules were changed, under the Charter THE HISTORY OF THE CORA STONE MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

(By Miss Louise J. Green, Librarian.) Since tire! was accomplished, the num-In the spring of 1898 Miss Cora A ber of visitors has steadily increased and Stone, a Mt. Holyoke graduate, after the attendance, on open days averages having spent nearly ten years in Kobe mere than double the former number and College, Kobe, Japan, came to a little instead of the forty who were the only hamlet in the Blue Ridge Mountains for supporters for thirteen years, the membership now numbers, in barely two not long before she saw the needs of the grew, more books were added by pur-Young ple of both sexes frequent chase and gifts and in 1902 the building the rooms and the books are read and was incorporated.

At the death of Miss Stone in Aurust, 1904, the name was changed to the are cept open by a paid Librarian Cora A. Stone Memorial Library. There ights in each week and are well are now nearly two thousand books of which the school children have the free ise and others paying a fee of one dollar notantly demanded and year. The use of a room and fuel acks show that they are ave been given for several years. The ad. Better equipment calls need of a library building is great. ssistance and greatest of all There is a building fund of twenty-eight interest is needed to push for dollars, small, but it is a beginning.

Raleigh

THE OLIVIA RANEY LIBRARY.

And What It Is Doing For the City of . Raleigh.

By Miss Jennie H. Coffin, Librarian. It is the common failing with the average man or woman not to value pro-perly their daily blessings; those things office in Raleigh, present all of them, procured in any part of the world. which we are accustomed are generalthe ones which we fail to appreciate. nd though the Olivia Raney Library as become a powerful factor in the life the people of Raleigh, and its influnce has been and is felt in almost every

ion has dropped to 75 per cent.

the Library is taking in the life of the city, it is furnishing more pleasure to they accept his generous offer to effect hundreds of people than any other insti- for them the purchases that may be detution. The books of fiction are careful- sired.

nally found on the "seven-day" list. inviting spots in Raleigh, and as it is those which are mentioned in the followopen from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m., it fur- ing list. nishes a delightful place in which the Since that time the enthusiasm with like atmosphere is especially attractive: the whole the sum of \$4500. there is a harmony and beauty in the Resolved that the Governor the

We would not fail to speak of the logue. great good that the library is doing the

fully torn, marked, or in any way de Library to its fate faced. The little people are taking a In the account given of the fire in the effort. pride in keeping the books in good con- Raleigh Star and Gazette of June 23,

dition. prove of inestimable value.

up on the third floor. In 1831 the State ning the present Library sprung.

meeting on January 31, 1842.

vis.: John M. Morehead, Governor. Thomas Ruffin, Chief Justice.

The said act having authorized and re- and many valuable works lost."

the opening of the Library there has to ascertain through whose agency the een a decrease in the amount of fiction same could be most advantageously puraken out; during the first year 90 per chased, he had conferred fully on the ent of the books drawn belonged to this subject with Mr. Joseph G. Cogswell, a lass, while in the last year the propor- gentleman of high scientific and literary reputation, that Mr. Cogswell had with Besides all this, the Library has been great labor and care made out an extenfruitful source of information for the sive catalogue; and had in the most iterary clubs of the city. Complete files handsome manner proffered to procure the following magazines have been any or all of the books that might be ound and added to the reference stacks: ordered with all possible economy with-Harper's Monthly," "Century," "Scrib- out any charge for his services. Judge per's and "Littell's Living Age," and Gaston with this statement laid before coole's and Wilson's Indices to Periodi-the trustees Mr. Cogswell's letter adal Literature have rendered available dressed to him dated at New York on this sast store of information, and have the 10th of December, 1841, and also made this department almost invaluable the catalogue so made out; whereupon to students. Besides these complete Resolved that the trustees of the Li files, there are many magazines lacking brary return their thanks to Mr. Cogsonly a fw numbers for completion. | well for the kindness with which he has Aside from the educational part that contributed his valuable aid to the accomplishment of their views, and that

chosen, and the latest novels are us Resolved further that Mr. Conswell be requested to purchase of the books con-The reading room is one of the most tained in the catalogue so furnished

people of the city, both old and young, warrant from time to time on the as well as the stranger within our gates, Treasurer for such sums of money as can pass a pleasant and profitable after- may be required by Mr. Cogswell for efnoon or evening. Its cheerful and home- feeting said purchases not exceeding in

furnishings which make it compare fav- quested to transmit to Mr. Cogswell the orably with much larger institutions, sum of twents five dollars to be applied now over five hundred members belong and visitors from a distance never fail as a remuneration to the Copyist emte remark on its restful appearance. ployed by him in making out the cata-

Document No. 7, 1881. children of the city, for it cannot be "The old Library was burned at the overestimated. As a reule the children time the former capitol was in 1831. The read a better class of books than the public men of that day took a pride in adults: their books are chosen with the its growth, prosperity and preservation, utmost care, and are, on the whole, clean, and at the time of its destruction tiere and pure, and to a great extent instructure about twenty thousand volumes of tive. The classes are written in such an rare and valuable works on its shelves which, naturally, is of great benefit and attractive way that they are almost as It was situated where the Supreme Court much read as the fiction, and as the room was then in the Capitol building, children have become familiar with this and including the clerk's office in one the officers of the Library may a propo- for the children's books, and in the work high order of literature, they have not large room, which gave ample space for formed a taste for the lower style of the Librarian to arrange and properly place the books ender his charge. The As a general thing the books are well fire that burned the old building origitaken care of; there has been great im- nated on the roof, and owing to an unprovement along this line in those taken necessary panic, caused by the announceout by the children, and it is becoming ment that the dome was falling the an uncommon thing to find a book wil- people fled from the house and left the

1831, it says:

stablished by an act of the Legislature present Library room, and the one form-enterprise. of 1821, and began in a small way to erly occupied by the State Library ascollect books. It was first located in the signed to the Supreme Court. As I be-State House, occupying a small space, fore mentioned, from this small begin-

-I think forty five hundred dollars. be purchased before long by public sub-In pursuance of the act of the General This duty he performed to the entire scription as the benefits would be far or five, to find books assigned by teach. L. Tomlinson and gradually increased in Assembly passed at the last session en- satisfaction of the authorities. Our Li- greater from a centrally located library. ers for special reports. titled "An act to purchase a Library" brary has of course increased with years, Already a site fund of a few hundred the Governor and Judges of the Supreme and contains some valuable and rare dollars in cash and available subscrip-

Joseph I. Daniel, William Gaston, were taken by them and never returned; and in this way many sets were broken

sented to the City of Raleigh. The thus subjected to their disposition. Of Trustees decided to quit the purchase of in Statesville in August, 1903; this lases, and so on.

exhibited in this work has been proved er, and a majority of the citizens are yet of the soldiers of both armies. Books pital equipment, etc., have been necessarv in Statesville very recently.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY, WINSTON The energy and business like ability and field work, that they have less time Mr. Carnegie responded with an offer for reading than students in other col. of \$15,000 under certain conditions, these has agreed to give the city \$5000.00 for leges usually have. The library circula- were, the town appropriate and spend House was destroyed by fire, and the lit- During the administrations of Gov- a free public library building. All the tion is somewhat reduced by these con- annually, the sum of \$1,500 on books and tle collection of books was destroyed ernors Dudley, Morehead and Graham, requirements necessary have been met ditions, but it is large nevertheless. The other expenses; this offer was accepted, Very little if anything was done while an active interest was manifested in by the town council in the way of prothe new (our present) Capitol building its restoration and the learned Dr. Cogs- viding the annual maintenance fund of azines and book fiction, and many of At this time there was no public li was being erected. In 1840-41 the Legis- well, the purchasing agent of the Astor \$500, free electric light power, and a site them are regularly in the library con- brary in Winston. It is true the city lature passed an act authorizing the Library, New York, who was then in purchase of another library and a meet- Europe, was authorized to buy books for Bell street near the graded school but it class reports, literary or technical society best school library in the State. This ing of the Board of Trustees appointed North Carolina to a limited amount is hoped that a more central site may papers and debates. Sometimes a whole library was started by the first supering

the Governor and Judges of the Supreme and contains some valuable and rare court met on this day at the Governor's works, some in fact that cannot now be tion has been accumulated by the foundvolumes, about a thousand are fiction, Mr. Carnegie's offer was hailed with de-During the late war 1861-5 the Library to be called upon, and only a favorable almost as a matter of course. The bio-light and the establishment of our suffered greatly from the depredations time is awaited as new churches and hos- graphy collection is less than half as library was undertaken, nor has it provlarge, but it is well selected and includes ed a failure for there is no institution lives of the most important American of greater value to the town, than it has Rev. Hugh Boyer, now of Charlotte, and British writers, the most important proven to be. Citizens point with pride was of much assistance in forwarding statesmen of all nations, and of other to it, and patrons wonder how they over nome in the community, how many ever quested the Governor and Judges aforestop to think what it really means to said to act as trustees of the Public Liprogress within the past 25 years; in brary and "of the funds that have been fact within the past ten years the in- and school board, and Captain Rowland The usual dictionaries are there, with a tractors, and in the Spring of 1905, the The Library was given in the fall of the funds that have been fact within the past ten years the inor may hereafter be appropriated for crease in the correspondence has been together with a number of ladies and the good collection of encyclopaedias; the building was begun. It is a neat buildtogether with a number of ladies and the good collection of encyclopaedias; the building was begun. It is a neat buildtogether with a number of ladies and the good collection of encyclopaedias; the building was begun. It is a neat buildtogether with a number of ladies and the good collection of encyclopaedias; the building was begun. It is a neat buildtogether with a number of boys and girls aided in Britannica, Johnson's, Appleton's, and ing, on the order of all the Carnegie Liis wife, Olivia Cowper, and was formal it their duty in the first place to ascer. State Library south of the Potomac clearing the neat sum of \$70.00 upon the Nelson's. The reference collection also braries, one story and a half, with a opened in January, 1901, when it was tain what is the amount of the funds River. A few years ago the Board of occasion of the first "Everybody's Day" includes gazatteers, synonym books, at-

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